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>> 'Not surprising if AG lawsuit is retaliation against OPA over delegate party probe'

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com

The CNMI government was billed \$12,940 by a private counsel hired to represent Attorney General Edward Buckingham in his official and personal capacity in connection with an Office of the Public Auditor investigation of the AG's hosting of a party for a delegate candidate last year.

Atty. G. Anthony Long had a \$200 an hour contract with the government to defend Buckingham.

Given his hourly rate and the amount he billed the government, Long worked 64.7 hours on the AG issue from September 2010 to February 2011.

But six months after Gov. Benigno R. Fitial acknowledged receiving in December the OPA report on the investiga-

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Tracking expert DOG POHAKU begins search

» As of press time dog, search teams fail to locate missing sisters

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

'awaii State Civil Defense's tracking expert dog, Pohaku, arrived on Saipan Wednesday night and yesterday began his tough mission—searching for sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk who have been missing since May 25.

As of press time, Pohaku and FBI and Department of Public Safety search teams have failed to locate 10-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina Luhk.

FBI special agent Tom Simon said Pohaku's search yesterday ended at 4pm. He refused to disclose the areas covered by the search.

Before the search began, Simon presented Pohaku to the media yesterday morning outside the FBI's office in Puerto Rico.

Pohaku, which means stone or rock in Hawaii, was accompanied by two handlers—Shay Walden and Kuma Davis.

Pohaku is a 2-year-old male black Labrador that has been successful in many search missions in Hawaii and other countries.

Pohaku is from the State Hawaii State Civil Defense's Urban Search and Rescue Canine Unit.

Special agent Simon said the dog will

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FBI's help sought over mysterious disappearance of woman in 1998

While sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk have been missing for over three weeks now, another family has been seeking answers for 13 years now over the mysterious disappearance of Rosaline Santos Camacho in 1998.

Rosaline was 33 years old and a mother of four when she was reported missing on Aug. 23, 1998 on Saipan. Her husband, Francisco San Nicolas Camacho, was then a police detective and is now retired.

Saipan Tribune learned that Francisco Camacho's sister is Magdalena, former wife of Elbert Quitugua. Elbert

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An undated photo of Rosaline Santos

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HANMI opposes bill reducing protection for tourists

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

The 12-member Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Is-

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to repeal a law that intends to give more protection to tourists.

HANMI board of directors chair Nick Nishikawa and four

lands is opposing a bill seeking other board members said that, rather than repealing Public Law 14-50, which prohibits aggressive solicitation, "the law should be amended to provide

more protection of our tourists."

The hotel group also calls for enforcement of laws that protect visitors.

House Bill 17-142, introduced by Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), seeks to repeal PL 14-50 in its entirety. The bill says aggressive solicitation involving shouting loudly and physically touching or grabbing persons is adequately covered by other criminal laws relating to disturbing the peace and assault.

It also says PL 14-50 or 6 CMC 3113 "only discourages business and should be repealed."

But HANMI is taking the opposite view.

"The harassment of tourists by vendors has been a yearslong problem for the Northern Marianas, and HB 17-142 proposes to repeal the law that was intended to give more protection to our visitors," HANMI officials said in a letter to Demapan.

PL 14-50 prohibits persons from loitering on public thoroughfares to lure, entice, or solicit persons for commercial

But HB 17-142 says the loitering law does not extend to private malls and shopping cenrers, giving merchants in those private malls and shopping centers "an unfair competitive advantage."

"If enacted, however, this bill will only force our visitors to fend for themselves on public property as well," HANMI officials said.

HB 17-142 cites two other criminal laws that supposedly cover such aggressive solicitation, including disturbing the peace and assault.

HANMI said there's no distinction whether such acts are committed on public or private property.

Moreover, in practice, it is harder to prosecute a violation of "disturbing the peace" as it generally requires a complaint by the victim to prove that such contact that disturbed the victim's peace was non-consensual

HANMI said disturbing the peace and assault have been criminalized since 1983 through PL 3-71.

"Due to lack of enforcement of these other statutes, aggressive solicitors were allowed to flourish and harass our tourists to such extremes as to generate negative publicity for the Northern Marianas. This ultimately prompted the enactment of 6 CMC 3113 in an effort to curb such acts and repair the CNMI's image with our visitors," HAN-MI said.

The group said HB 17-142 still acknowledges the existence of the victimization of tourists.

"Inexplicably, HB 17-142 essentially aims to protect the rights of aggressive solicitors over the rights of our tourists by finding that 6 CMC 3113 'only discourages business," HAN-

Besides Nishikawa, the other HANMI board officials who signed the three-page letter to Demapan were vice chair Byung Kyu Park, secretary Hirokı Sugie, treasurer Michael S. Johnson, and member Ivan Quichocho.

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Opening of new dialysis center pushed back again

dialysis center at the Commonwealth Health Center has been pushed back anew as the new reverse osmosis machine just arrived last Tuesday, according to a senior Department of Public Health official.

Esther Muña, acting deputy secretary, told Saipan Tribune that the opening and full operation of the facility may take a little more time because of the required period to get the center certified by Medicare.

The new reverse osmosis will have to be installed and the unit checked in order to ensure that everything is working, after which everything needs to be certified by authorities before the center is officially unveiled.

"The machine just arrived [Tuesday] and it needs to be installed by the manufacturer and this work may probably

take one or two weeks and we're working on the schedule. After the installation. there's a need for water testing and equipment test to see if it's effective. We still need to do some other works after these tests," said Muña.

It is only after these series of tests that Medicare can schedule a visit to the center for a resurvey. "From there, we will know when to really open it. If Medicare says it's ready to go...that's the only time we can fully open and operate it."

Muña hopes, though, that the opening will happen be-





In order to participate in the Medicare program, the dialysis center's water treatment system, including the reverse osmosis system, must meet Food and Drugs' 510(k) requirements. It is usually the manufacturer that requests for

conditions of participation.

Unless CHC obtains this certification as evidence to present to Medicare, Medicare cannot approve CHC's transfer to the new hemodialysis facility even if it meets compliance with all of the other

Once the reverse osmosis system receives FDA certification, Muña said that CHC will inform Medicare of the center's readiness for a resurvey and request approval to transfer to the new site.

DPH had earlier announced that the center is expected to be operational starting early this year after the government paid

\$150,000 to replace the facility's reverse osmosis system, increase the system's recovery rate from 9,600 gallons per day to 12,000; installation; and training of personnel.

The new dialysis center has a total of 38 stations that will be capable of treating 27 patients simultaneously. (Moneth G. Deposa)





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NMI officials welcome US House panel's approval of two Kilili-authored bills

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Lawmakers and the Fitial administration applauded yesterday the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee's approval of Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's bill giving the CNMI control over submerged lands 3 miles out from its shores, and another one that authorizes the U.S. Interior secretary to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing a National Park on Rota.

The two bills-HR 670 and HR 1141—still need to pass the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, and approved by the president.

Sablan, in a statement, said this is "a very positive step for both the Rota Park bill and the submerged lands bill" and he looks forward to getting these measures to the House for a vote soon and then on to the Senate for action.

Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota),

when asked for comment yesterday, said if and when HR 1141 becomes law, it will be a "milestone not only for Rota but also the whole CNMI."

Santos testified in support of a similar bill in Washington, D.C. last year.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) also applauded Sablan for introducing the submerged lands bill and the Rota National Park study bill.

He cited his written testimony on the bill, saying that Rota is unique in the Marianas as the only primarily inhabited island spared from World War II destruction, which also saved the island's plant and animal life.

He also said Rota has the most intact and numerous historic sites of any island in the Marianas Archipelago.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, for his part, said the Fitial administration is pleased to learn that both HRs 670 and 1141 cleared the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee.

"We certainly hope that these measures will secure the approval of the full congress and make its way to fruition," he said.

Demapan said HR 670 will help the CNMI in its efforts to protect and conserve its pristine natural resources.

"Maintaining the health and abundance of the reef and sea is critical to the economy of the CNMI. While the Fitial administration would like to see these rights expanded even more, this is a good starting point in the interim. Meanwhile, H.R. 1141 stands to bring proper recognition to the pristine beauty of the island of Rota. This is surely a much welcomed legislation for the people of the Rota and the Commonwealth as a whole," he added

Sablan introduced both bills earlier this year using the same language for both that had passed in the last Con-

There was no amendment or objec-

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and Magdalena are the grandparents of the Luhk sisters.

in the CNMI since 1995.

Albert Santos said they are wondering why the case of their sister, Rosaline, was not included.

Saipan Tribune did not include on the list persons who reportedly drowned and whose bodies were never recovered. Rosaline's case was not included because there was not enough informa-

Albert Santos said they are appealing

"Until now I don't feel my sister is dead because there's no proof," Albert Santos said. "We don't believe it's a suicide case."

saline had a fight with her husband that's why she left their house and stayed with her sister in Koblerville for a week.

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ings simply asked the Committee for unanimous consent, which was quickly given," Sablan said, as he also thanked other lawmakers.

Sablan said HR 670, which gives the CNMI control of submerged lands 3 miles out from its shores, "will allow for economic development and other use consistent with principles of sustainability and with the standards of stewardship that are part of our cultural tradition.

WOMAN

for a mark-up."

tion to either bill from anyone on the

Sablan, in a statement, noted the pos-

itive benefits of working in a bipartisan way for the CNMI's needs. He thanked

committee chairman Doc Hastings

(R-WA) and ranking member Edward

Markey (D-MA) "for deciding to bring

the bills before the Committee today

"Both leaders agreed that the bills

were non-controversial; and Hast-

Albert Sablan Santos, 47, in an interview yesterday said the family decided to contact Saipan Tribune after the newspaper ran a story on Tuesday, June 14, about seven missing persons

tion available about her disappearance.

to the FBI to re-open the investigation into the disappearance of their sister because they strongly believe there was a cover up back then.

Antonio Santos, 52, said her sister Ro-

Antonio Santos said that, it was on

a Saturday night in August 1998 when Rosaline borrowed the Toyota Camry of her sister and left the house.

Rosaline never returned home and the following morning between 8am to 9am, the car was found parked in the back of the Coral Ocean Point's golf

Antonio Santos said Rosaline's slippers were found on a cliffline or about 50 feet away from the car.

Albert Santos pointed out that police did not cordon the car at the scene with yellow tape and that investigators did not lift fingerprints.

"Police just brought the car to the DPS impound area," Albert Santos said.

He said they were told that there were signs of struggle in the car, but when the family went to the scene, police did not allow them to see the vehicle.

"And who found the car?" Albert Santos asked but refused to elaborate.

Albert Santos said similar to the Faloma and Maleina Luhk case, their family and friends scoured inside the jungles and other areas on the island for two to three weeks.

He said at the cemetery, they even put the word "missing" and not "dead" on the lapida of Rosaline's tomb since they did not find her body.

"The family is really hoping that the FBI will step into the investigation. We have to find our sister," he said.

quick crime scene and the other agents,

the evidence response team, will get

there to actually process the scene to

He said in the search of an individu-

"We've not at this time seeking any

search warrant. People have been very

friendly in allowing to search their

house for evidence. That's great, we

Simon urged people that if Pohaku

and the agents show up at their door, to

allow them to come in, let the dog sniff

"We are not doing this randomly," he

On the information the FBI sought

on a man with a distinctive facial birth-

mark, Simon said they got a ton of calls

since Wednesday night and yesterday

morning from the public identifying

individuals with large birthmarks on

He said they will be sending agents

and police officers to talk to those

people who have information about the

man they are looking for and also those

The special agent earlier emphasized

that the person is not a suspect or a per-

son of interest in the investigation, but

who may help on a potential lead.

al's house they need a consent from the

find exactly what is found.

owner or a search warrant.

appreciate that," he said.

around and move on.

said.

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tion involving the attorney general, the public has yet to see a copy of the report or at least portions of it that will show OPA's conclusion and findings.

The Fitial administration and OPA continue to decline releasing the report for public inspection, under the Open Government Act request, citing "confidentiality" of the report.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, reiterated that OPA reports are "confidential and not subject to release.'

"No further comment on a closed issue," he said.

He, however, said that the services that Long provided to the AG "have been concluded since February 2011." Demapan said the total billing was \$12,940.

Retaliation?

Buckingham denied on Wednesday during an interview with KSPN that his lawsuit against public auditor Michael Pai over the hiring of two lawyers is retaliation against OPA's investigation of the attorney general.

The press secretary said yesterday that the issues and facts are specified in the AG's complaint.

"This is a matter pending before the Superior Court," he said, declining to comment further on the issue.

But private citizen Glen Hunter, one of the individuals who filed a complaint with OPA last year regarding Buckingham's hosting of the Covenant Party's delegate candidate gathering, said yesterday it would not surprise him if Buckingham's lawsuit filed against public auditor Michael Pai on Monday over the hiring of counsels was a retaliatory action against OPA's ethics investigation into Buckingham.

That gathering for the Covenant Party's delegate candidate, Joseph N. Camacho, was held at the governor's private residence in Gualo Rai on Aug.

"It is public knowledge that a report with recommendations was given to the governor in December 2010... Is the timing simply coincidental? I don't believe so," Hunter said, responding to a Saipan Tribune request for comment.

A month later, the Office of the Attorney General started reviewing and investigating OPA's contracts for two lawyers, one of whom was Joe Pryzuski who was the OPA lead investigator for the issue regarding Buckingham's hosting of a gathering for a delegate

Hunter said a review of the report that OPA gave the governor may shed more light on this entire issue.

But just like the media, Hunter's request to inspect a copy of the report has been denied.

"I do believe these reports should be public," he added.

Hunter said it is "more than odd" that with all the other questionable professional contracts that this government has engaged in, "the contract that Buckingham decided to pick out and bring to court happens to be that of the attorney from OPA who had investigated him."

"I also question the timing of Buckingham's actions. He received the OPA report on his alleged misconduct in mid-December, and his own complaint shows that he began investigating the OPA attorney just days afterward, in early January," he said.

Hunter cited samples of questionable contracts that the OAG has either approved or ignored, including the Fitial administration's hiring of Jenner & Block for the federalization lawsuit against the U.S. government, the Department of Public Health's lawsuit regarding the dialysis center in which attorneys were hired on contingency and walked away with over \$600,000 in one suit alone, and the NMI Retirement Fund's outsourced professional legal contracts that included over \$500,000 to one attorney in a three-year span.

He also cited the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s professional legal contracts with outside counsels, including one who banked nearly \$200,000 in a year, and the sole-sourced contract for ARRA management.

"And most ironic of all, a sole-sourced contract for personal defense representation for Ed Buckingham related to OPA's investigation of his actions, signed by himself and the governor and paid for by taxpayers," Hunter said.

The public auditor repeatedly said the law prohibits OPA from allowing inspection of OPA records and information related to an OPA ethics investigation.

Saipan Tribune invoked Open Government Act request with OPA, the latest was on May 23, to be able to inspect the report. OPA said it cannot defy existing law.

"As mentioned in OPA's responses to your prior requests for information, while OPA appreciates your interest in the substance of its ethics inquiries, due to confidentiality restrictions OPA cannot comment on any ethics investigations pursuant to 1 CMC § 8563. This restriction does not cease due to a mere passage of time," Pai told Saipan Tribune.

Likewise, under the Open Government Act Section 9917 (a), if public inspection of records would violate Commonwealth law, they are not subject to disclosure, he said.

Pai said OPA has determined that the type of records requested fall within this category, pursuant to the Commonwealth Ethics Act and the Open Government Act.

"While the lack of OPA's ability to comment and the confidentiality of records relating to Commonwealth Ethics Act investigations might be dissatisfying to the press and appear unfair to the interested public, OPA cannot defy existing law. OPA must defer to the wisdom of the CNMI Legislature in enacting laws in the best interest of the public," Pai added.

Lawmakers do not want to comment on the issue involving the AG and the public auditor, or the OPA report on the AG.

OPA's hiring

The public auditor has yet to respond to media inquiries related to the attorney general's June 13 lawsuit against the public auditor over OPA's hiring of lawyers.

But a plain reading of the law indicates that OPA has the power to hire and procure as deemed necessary by the public auditor.

1 CMC 2305. Public Auditor: Staff partly reads: (a) The Public Auditor may appoint and remove such employees as he or she deems necessary to perform the duties of the office. These employees may include assistant public auditors, accountants, auditors, financial management analysts, investigators, attorneys, paralegals, secretaries, clerks and the like.

1 CMC 2306, meanwhile, states that the public auditor may obtain the services of independent certified public accountants, qualified management consultants, or other professional persons, as the public auditor deems necessary to assist in carrying out his or her duties...

OPA's personnel regulations also give the public auditor authority to appoint and remove employees as he deems necessary to perform the duties of the office.

be on Saipan for an open ended engagement, meaning he will be here as long as he is needed at targeted areas.

Simon said Pohaku's length of search depends on the weather and humidity.

The special agent said during the search, Pohaku will be accompanied by handlers Walden and Davis, two FBI agents, and two police officers.

He said the targeted areas will be jungles, abandoned buildings, and houses.

Walden said she has been handling Pohaku since he was only 8 months old.

Walden said Pohaku is not only trained to find missing persons, but also to search for victims of disasters as well as collapsed structures.

"He's a great dog. A well tempered dog," said Walden, who is the search element leader for the Hawaii Urban Search and Rescue Canine Unit and works as a police officer with the Honolulu Police Department.

Asked how long can the dog work, Walden said it depends on the humidity, heat, or weather.

"We're lucky to have Pohaku on board and hopefully this will provide us some leads in the case," Simon said.

He said they are hoping that with Pohaku there will be leads and answers in this very troubling case. "We also thank the State of Hawaii

for providing this very valuable asset for our search on Saipan," he said. Simon said if they should find some-

thing in the search, they will generate a

Simon said at this point their investigation is focused on Saipan considering that one of the first things they did was checking the airlines.

who fit the descriptions.

"The girls do not have passports, so international flights will be out of question. All domestic flights have already been checked," he pointed out.

Woman, 19, accuses friend of raping her when she was 16

A 19-year-old woman has filed a complaint against a 46-yearold friend who allegedly raped her when she was 16 years old.

Blas A. Manzanares was arrested for sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree. He was taken to the Superior Court yesterday afternoon for a bail hearing.

A \$50,000 cash bail was initially imposed for the defendant's temporary liberty.

Detective Flora Danica B. Aguon stated in her report that, on June 8, 2011, she interviewed the victim at the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigations Bureau.

Aguon said the victim identified Manzanares as the person who allegedly raped her when she was 16 and that she was able to locate his apartment in Dandan.

Aguon said according to the victim, she was 10 years old

when she met Manzanares.

She said she grew to trust the defendant because he was kind, generous, and friendly.

She said she would often skip school and call Manzanares to pick her up at a nearby bus stop. The defendant would allegedly take her to his apartment room in Dandan where they would hang out for the day.

The victim told police that when she turned 16, Manzanares raped her. After that incident, the defendant allegedly no longer checked on her for several years.

The victim said that in January 2011, she was at the Commonwealth Health Center when she saw Manzanares.

When she asked why he no longer met with her after the incident at his apartment, Manzanares allegedly told her he was afraid she might report him to police. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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SHEFA board caps scholarship budget at \$1.5M a semester

>> Over 160 so far apply for fall 2011 semester

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program will be giving out only half of the scholarship funds it gets every year as an emergency means to ensure that scholars for both spring and fall semesters will get their checks on time.

The SHEFA board adopted

this 50-percent disbursement of fall 2011 financial assistance cap for its yearly appropriation in a meeting last week.

Each fiscal year, the Legislature allocates \$3 million for the SHEFA scholarship programs and \$100,000 for its operations and personnel. With the board's decision, SHEFA will now only award \$1.5 million in financial assistance to scholars per semester.

"To ensure that disbursement

award does not exceed 50 percent of the appropriation and in keeping with the purpose of Saipan Local Law 15-33, it is recommended that the board resolve to set the ceiling for fall 2011 academic term disbursement at not-to-exceed \$1.5 million," said Hofschneider.

It was learned that SHEFA had awarded \$2.2 million in financial assistance during the fall 2010 semester alone—already 77 percent of the entire program's \$3 million budget. This resulted in only about \$1 million available for spring 2011 scholars.

To date, over \$930,000 worth of checks for spring 2011 scholars are still pending at the Finance Department, due to the cash flow problem of the government, which relies on poker

fees and related revenues for its scholarship programs.

Meantime, SHEFA acting administrator Teri Camacho disclosed yesterday that SHEFA has so far received a total of 161 applications for the fall 2011 semester, which will begin in August. The number is expected to increase this week prior to the July 1 deadline. Applicants have until Sept. 30 to submit all supporting documents.

The board drastically reduced the financial awards of SHEFA scholars beginning spring 2011 semester—ranging from 25 percent to 50 percent. For the new semester, the board had expressed its intention to implement additional cuts to ensure the continuity of the programs. The anticipated slash in the scholarship assistance is a result of the declining number of poker machines on the islands.

The government has invested a total of \$17.7 million in SHE-FA programs since its inception in 2004 through 2009.

Prado, Manglona top Kagman High's Class of 2011

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

Angela Prado and Michael John Manglona were bestowed Kagman High School's highest academic honors during commencement rites on campus yesterday noon.

Prado is this year's class valedictorian and recipient of the prestigious Board of Edu- Marianas College where she

cation award for academic excellence. She is the daughter of Nela and Bobbie Prado. The 18-year-old student will go on to college at the Northern

will take up a nursing degree.

Prado was also the recipient of four other special recognitions: the Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award, Best in Language Arts, Best in Physical Education,



Angela Prado

Valedictorian

and Best in Creative Writing.

She said the honors she got were unexpected but she is thankful to her parents and mentors for their discipline, love, and support.

This year's Kagman High salutatorian was Michael John Manglona, recipient of the Commissioner of Education Award.

Michael John, the son of Michael and Vicky Manglona, was also the recipient of the Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award and Best in Science Award. He will be joining the U.S. Army.

After all the hard work and sacrifices, Manglona said that receiving all these honors was truly overwhelming.

Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos bestowed the Governor's Leadership Award on Ryan So' Ai Camacho, while school administrator Alfred Ada named Suanne



Michael John Manglona

Salutatorian

Camacho as this year's Principal's Awardee.

Alexis Hofschneider was honored with an honorable mention.

Besides Prado and Manglona, others on the Top Ten list were Camacho, Amanda Marie Santos, Hanaivy Babauta, Chakhrit Kapileo, Sherish Marie Nestor, Benedicto Lizama Jr., Rita Sarah Taitano, and Delorina Rabauliman.

KHS principal Alfred Ada and other education officials conferred diplomas on 182 graduates during yesterday's ceremonies that was attended by hundreds of families and friends of the graduates.

This year's keynote speaker was CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan. Among the guests of honor were members of the Legislature, Board of Education members, and principals of various public schools in the CNMI.



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BMV student driver education program bill now PL 17-45

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

REPORTER

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial announced yesterday that a bill authorizing the Bureau of Mo-

Vehicles establish student driver education program is now Public Law 17-45, after House the and Senate overrode his veto of the measure.



Fitial

Fitial assigned the public law number three days after the Senate followed the House's override of the governor's veto of Senate Bill 17-20, Senate Draft 1, House Substitute 1, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 2.

The governor disapproved the bill mainly because BMV "is neither ready nor equipped to establish a driver's education program at this point."

But House and Senate members, in overriding the governor's veto, said families find it hard to come up with \$350 to pay for a driver's education program offered by a private business on Saipan.



A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

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Additional funding to fortify MVA's promotional efforts

The Marianas Visitors Authority has started identifying marketing strategies that will be funded under the \$2.6 million package recently passed by the House of Representatives in line with efforts to effectively promote the CNMI as a prime tour destination. Initially, the MVA intends to strengthen the promotion of its "Happy Children in Paradise" and the "Marriage in the Marianas" programs through the funding package passed by the House Thursday last week. MVA acting managing director Vicky Benavente said the agency has started placing an effective method for the "Happy Children in Paradise" program to lure more children and families into the Commonwealth, especially during the summertime.

DOLI warns against phony job contracts

The Department of Labor and Immigration warned Friday that strong legal actions will be meted against individuals who would wittingly submit sham employment contracts. This, as the DOLI imposed sanctions on an employer and a supposed employee for allegedly conspiring with each other in submitting a fake employment contract to secure a work permit that would legalize the former nonresident worker's stay in the Commonwealth. Labor hearing officer Jerry Cody said the administrative order he released should serve as a deterrent to aliens who intend to legalize their stay in the CNMI by having the department approve a fake employment contract and issue a work permit to a supposed nonresident worker.

June 17, 2003

DLNR touts local agricultural products

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources yesterday requested the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association to patronize local agricultural produce. In separate letters, DLNR Secretary Tom Pangelinan asked HANMI and SGMA representatives to visit the Sabalu Market, a regular Saturday event showcasing local agricultural produce and livestock. Sabalu Market runs from 6am to 12 noon. "Our Saipan farmers have an ample supply of freshly grown local produce (vegetables, fruit and flowers). In fact, many of our farmers are producing much more than they can currently sell," Pangelinan said.

Bills pending executive action

The Programs and Legislative Review Office reported six bills pending executive action, which include a few appropriation measures whose deadlines for action are due this month. Among the legislative measures on Gov. Juan N. Babauta's desk are House Bill 13-205 or the proposed \$5 million loan for the construction of the Tinian Civic Center and House Local Bill 13-6 or the \$25,000-financing for the improvement of several public facilities. The local bill, authored by Rep. William S. Torres, also proposes to name the public buildings after prominent local figures. The last day for action on HB 13-205, introduced by Tinian congressman Norman Palacios, is on June 29 while HB 13-6's deadline is on Monday, June 23.

June 17, 2004

House changes land compensation priority

The House of Representatives has passed a bill that amends the land compensation priority list. In a session Friday, the lower chamber passed House Bill 14-20, which provides that "the compensation of private lands taken by the government be prioritized based on the dates when they were taken." Currently, the Land Compensation Act prioritizes the payment of lands acquired for right-of-way purposes, then the lands taken for ponding basins, and lastly wetlands. In a committee report, the House said the current priority list "is problematic because under the existing regulations, ponding basins are required to be constructed as part of road construction."

'House's proposal will help seaport'

The Commonwealth Ports Authority assured that non-harbor revenue generation would increase and other services would be forthcoming once the Saipan Seaport is approved to use public lands adjacent to the harbor. CPA executive director Carlos H. Salas is hopeful that House Bill 14-16 or the Port of Saipan Expansion and Development Act of 2004, which recently passed the 14th House of Representative, would also get the nod of the Senate. "We are looking forward to getting the land. This is part of the CPA's plan to increase non-harbor revenue sources," said the executive director.

5th Beach Road Magazine Car Rally on June 18

>> Biggest, most diverse motoring adventure hits the road

With 18 registered teams and counting, this year's Beach Road Magazine Car Rally promises to be the biggest and most diverse iteration of the motoring competition in its five-year history.

Business executives, legal eagles, a musician, an art shop curator, an activities manager at a water park, families, friends, office workers, warehouse staff, merchandisers, a U.S. District Court staffer are among the participants who will vie for cash, gifts, and yes, bragging rights to victory over the most challenging car rally on Saipan happening on Saturday, June 18.

Most of the entries are newcomers with a smattering of repeat contestants aiming to finish the course with a close-to-perfect precision in timing and answers to general knowledge questions.

Triple J Motors, aside from being a major sponsor, has also entered 10 teams composed of drivers or navigators who bought their car from the dealership. Randy Steele, vice president of Triple J, leads the contingent with his navigator. lawyer Mike White. Triple J Motors will give two limited edition car rally shirts with Triple J and BRM Car Rally logos to all teams driving cars from the dealership.

The top winner will get valuable cash prizes and corporate and navigators off course.

gifts from sponsors including Triple J Motors, Coca-Cola, Foremost, Ideal Signs, Subway, Oleai Bar and Grill, Scoops, Docomo, KZMI, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Saipan Advertising, PIC, Coral Ocean Point, Megabyte, and T&L Get Covered.

According to Susan Marchitti, car rally master and Beach Road Magazine account manager, this will be the longest car rally yet. It will start at 9am in the morning at a clearing at the base of Mt. Tapochao. From there, it's going to be one long, circuitous drive to the checkpoints and finally, to the road savvy, to the finish line.

Beach Road Magazine introduced the car rally in 2007, with the objective of offering Saipan and neighboring Guam a fresh form of entertainment that would bring families, friends, and companies together in a friendly competition. Guam experienced its first car rally this year through MDM, the sister publication of Beach Road Magazine.

A car rally is a timed and predetermined course combined with aspects of a scavenger hunt, general knowledge, and trivia. Car rallies lend a new meaning to road warriors as participants pit skills and wit with the car rally master whose course design is littered with tricks to throw expert drivers

to kick off tonight

Liberation festivities

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The public can look forward to another community event, with the 2011 Liberation Day celebration slated to kick off tonight with the opening of the carnival grounds at 7pm at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Concessions Committee chair Larissa Flores said that 16 food booths and 14 merchandise and novelty booths are expected to participate in over three weeks of Liberation Day celebration.

Flores said the carnival grounds will be open on weekdays from 6pm to 11pm except on Wednesdays and Fridays, as they have to give way to the Kristo Rai Church's Mass.

"We will be open on Wednesdays from 7pm to 11pm and on Fridays from 7pm to midnight," she said.

On Saturdays and Sundays, the carnival grounds will be open from 6pm to midnight.

Flores said there will be various rides and activities, such as bump cars, little train rides, a children's jumper from Tinian, remote control cars, and water balloon gun activities.

"There will be no Ferris wheel this year because apparently the one that had it last year already left the island," she told Saipan Tribune.

The bingo games will also commence tonight, said Flores.

Gloriana Teuira, Entertainment Committee chair, said tonight's opening will feature a simple program led by overall Liberation committee chair Jonas Barcinas.

This year's Liberation Day Queen candidates—Joni C. Castro, Mariah I. Ada, and Nizelynn T. Masayos-will also be introduced.

Tonight's featured performers include Umang Glee Club, Saipan Music and Dance, Youtube Stars, Inatuas Dancers, Refaluwasch Warriors, and the Retro Jazz.

The three-week Liberation Day celebration will be highlighted by the annual Fourth of July parade. The carnival grounds will be open until July 10.

"We're inviting the whole community to come and join us for the opening ceremony and to visit the festival grounds and enjoy the booths, the bingo games, and the performances," said Flores.

For more information, call the Mayor's Office at 234-6208.

The Beach Road Magazine Car Rally is open to drivers 16 years and older. Families, companies, friends, and tourists are invited to participate. Each car is required to have at least one driver and as many navigators as the legal capacity of the vehicle will allow to complete the course.

Patterned after car rallies in the United States and Europe, the Beach Road Magazine Car Rally requires drivers to complete a course by following instructions that test the team's attention to detail and navigational skills. Each team will be

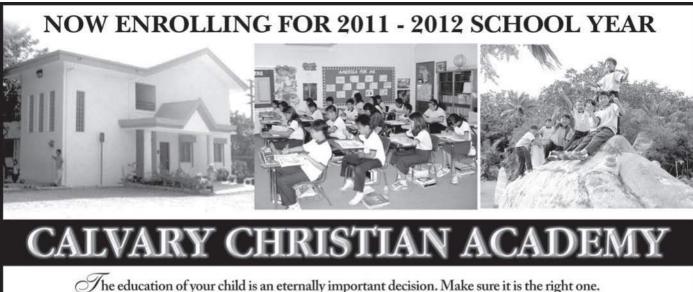
given a new set of instructions at every checkpoint. Following the checkpoint instructions to the letter is an important discipline, as it affects the team's chances of collecting points to win the car rally.

Registration is \$15, and space is limited to 60 cars. Grab a copy of Beach Road Magazine for the entry forms, fill them out and submit to the Glimpses of Saipan office on the second floor of the Transpac Business Center along Chalan Pale Arnold Rd., Gualo Rai (near Subway Restaurant) up to 5pm rally starting point.

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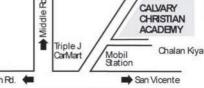


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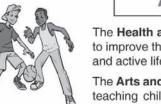
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Why Europe shirks its military duties

efense Secretary Robert Gates is unhappy with our European allies, and he went to Brussels last week to let them know it. NATO, he complained, is divided between countries "willing and able to pay the price and bear the burden of alliance commitments" and those who "enjoy the benefits of NATO membership" but "don't want to share the risks and the costs."

This is not a new problem. But it's having serious consequences in Libya.

Countries like France and Italy took the lead in demanding military action against Moammar Gadhafi, while President Barack Obama had to be persuaded. As the campaign drags on, though, the United States is being forced into a bigger role than it had in mind. Gates says that though every NATO country voted for the mission, most have not done a thing to help it succeed.

"We have the spectacle of an air operations center designed to handle more than 300 sorties a day struggling to launch about 150," Gates said. "Furthermore, the mightiest military alliance in history is only 11 weeks into an operation against a poorly armed regime in a sparsely populated country—yet many allies are beginning to run short of munitions, requiring the United States, once more, to make up the difference."

The basic problem is that most member nations shortchange defense. Of the 28 members, only five spend more than 2 percent of their gross domestic product on the military. The United States spends 5 percent.

Gates has been harping on the disparity for years, without success. But the explanation is not that mysterious. Most allies skimp on military outlays because they know they can always count on us. The U.S. government is like a frustrated parent who repeatedly gripes that a kid doesn't clean her room—and not only fails to impose penalties but proceeds to clean it for her.

Libya was a great opportunity for Washington to rebalance the relationship. Since our allies were keener on the intervention—and had more at stake, given their proximity to North Africa—we could have stepped back and let them handle it on their own.

By participating, the Obama administration put itself on the hook to make up any deficiencies among its partners. Had the president steered clear of the fight, our allies would have asked whether they could muster the means and will to fulfill the mission. Had they fallen short once they went in, they would have had the useful experience of being forced to devise their own solutions.

With this approach, of course, the United States would have incurred the risk of failure on the part of NATO. But the long-term benefits of forcing other countries to grow up and shoulder responsibility would have been an asset in future security crises—some of which may be more vital than this one.

Instead, Europeans have found once again that what they fail to do, their rich uncle across the pond will take care of. Gates and his successors at the Pentagon can grouse all they want. Like a teenager plugged in to her iPod, our allies are very good at tuning out.

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Little hope seen for Afghan peace process

ABUL, Afghanistan—A government panel established last year to undertake negotiations with insurgents and finally bring peace to the war-torn country may be the latest casualty of the latest surge of violence by the Taliban.

Some accused the High Peace Council, set up by President Hamid Karzai last fall, of being too anxious to grant concessions to terrorists in order to halt the fights.

Others say that, given that the level of fighting since the body came into existence, the council must be talking to the wrong terrorists.

"The peace council is failing to find those it should hold peace talks with," charged Mohammad Saleh Saljuki, a member of parliament.

Part of the problem stems from the council's broad mandate, which authorizes it to talk with a wide range of insurgent groups, including Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hezb-i Islami faction and the "Haqqani network," as well as the Taliban.

Jawid Kohistani, a political analyst, said negotiations so far have failed to engage any senior Taliban figures and most of the talks so far have been with inconsequential groups.

"Massive amounts of money have been spent on this process, yet no significant gains have been made," he said.

Much of the criticism of the council has come from leaders in the northern part of the country, often associated with the armed factions that battled and lost to the Taliban during the civil war of the 1990s

Among them is Hajji Mohammad Mohaqeq, leader of the Hizb-e Wahdat party, who has spoken out against the peace council despite being a member of the panel.

"The security forces arrest terrorists and the High Peace Council ... sets them free," he told parliament earlier this year. "Negotiations with the opposition are unilateral, and conducted from a position of weakness. This has further emboldened the opposition to pursue bloodshed."

Other members of the council reject the claim.

"What Mohaqeq said is not true," said Fazel Karim Aimaq, a council member. "The High Peace Council has released nobody so far."

Aimaq defended the council's record, saying much of the prog-

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ress it has made could not be made public, as the issues were so sensitive.

In fact, no one at this point knows whether talks between the council and various insurgents have led anyone to lay down their arms

Insurgents refute government claims that more than 1,000 Taliban have laid down their arms since the creation of the High Peace Council have been denied by the insurgents themselves. And even supporters of the council concede that some of those who have surrendered were never in fact insurgents, but instead were individuals trying to take advantage of a package of incentives offered by the government to those who turn in their weapons.

Others fault the composition of the 68-member council, which is made up of former militia leaders and ex-members of the Taliban and Hezb-i Islami. Critics say former warlords are hardly the best people to task with a peace effort.

"Some members of the peace council are accused of crimes themselves," the political analyst Kohistani said. "Implementing the peace process will be impossible as long as such individuals are present on the peace council."

And finally, some believe such talks are an exercise in futility, given that the Taliban are unlikely to accept the preconditions imposed by the government that they unconditionally lay down their weapons, accept the current Afghan constitution and renounce ties with al-Qaida.

Despite all the criticism, it's unlikely the council will be disbanded. Presidential spokesman Wahid Omar said the work to build a peace deal would continue and there was no chance of the council being dissolved.

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The last act of defiance

hen times are lean and incomes are down, prices for non-necessities usually get dragged down, too. That's called the "income" effect, and it's easy to follow: Incomes down, therefore demand down. Demand down, therefore prices down. Most merchants know this intuitively.

Of course, this stuff can uncork price wars and a race to the bottom, and that's no fun.

Closer to the disco era than I care to admit, I worked as an airplane flight instructor in California. The "walk in" students would swing by our flight school as one of several they'd visit on the field. Every school, ours included, had a stack of rate sheets, so people could take a copy with them. Even back in the day the lessons amounted to a few thousand dollars.

Our prices were probably about average for the area. Not the highest, not the lowest. We were settled into a cozy niche. Life wasn't lucrative, but we did turn a profit, and it sure beat the heck out of working for a living.

Well, it's axiomatic in aviation and tourism that no good situation lasts long enough to enjoy it. Ask any tour agent in Saipan about that one, they'll agree.

Sure enough, an economic drift-down arrived in the area. Fewer customers came through the doors. And of those who did straggle in, about half of them were fixated on price. They'd ask about prices before asking about the types of airplanes we flew, or before asking to see the training facilities, or before asking about the qualifications of our staff, or before asking about our safety record.

I'd see people sitting in our lobby, where we served free coffee, and they'd spread out the rate sheets from the various schools, find

the cheapest hourly price, and that's where they'd enroll.

Well, you can see the next step coming. Schools started dropping their rates so they could chase these price-shoppers. I watched prices tick down to levels that weren't sustainable in the long-run. It was the dreaded race to the bottom.

As prices ratcheted down at our airfield, we held fast, thereby becoming the most expensive school in the area by default. So I decided to go Gonzo on the gig, and instead of joining the lemmings, I suggested that we simply accept the "most expensive" position, and yield the price-shoppers to our competition. We'd focus on the other end of the market, and would emphasize what made us a better flight school. True, the price-shoppers wouldn't listen, but maybe the other people would.

Nervous times, those. At our strategic powwow, I was asked what would happen if my idea backfired. Answer: "Then we'll go out of business."

Everyone who mattered was at that powwow, including Sparky. Sparky did our avionics (radio) work and during his idle hours, which was about half the time, he'd play his banjo in the lobby. As we were contemplating the survival of the business, Sparky retrieved a cartoon he kept over his work bench. The cartoon featured a mouse trapped on the pinnacle of a cliff, as a voracious bird of prey was swooping down and about to snatch the mouse with his talons.

The doomed mouse was displaying a rigidly extended middle finger to the predator, flipping the bird to the bird, so to speak.

Caption: "The last act of defiance."

The cartoon raised our spirits. We stuck by our plan. I wrote some marketing materials, and Sparky and his girlfriend were to work the

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copy machine the next day and compile the marketing stuff with the rate sheets.

I had to leave town for a few days, but upon my return I was happy to notice that our efforts generated some buzz on the airfield. Sparky's girlfriend had been handing out their newly made information packets to customers at the airport cafe, along with anyone else who happened to be walking by. It was a creative act of guerilla marketing.

Creative, indeed: Each packet contained not only my marketing prose and the rate sheet, but, yikes, Sparky had seen fit to attach the defiance cartoon.

This was hardly the classy image I sought to portray of our fine academy of the air. But apparently the rogue audacity of it resonated with just the kind of people who have flying in their blood. They'd drop by the school to have a look at things, and most of them liked what they saw.

So there we were: Sparky playing his banjo in the lobby, the regulars drinking coffee and swapping flying stories, and me giving tours of the premises to our newly enrolling students.

Letters to the Editor

Got citizenship?

The United States of America does not include the CNMI. By their own interpretation of the U.S. Constitution we do not fall under the definition of a "State" therefore they do not have to afford us the full protection of the Constitution. If you withhold the right of representation, and the right to vote, other parts of the Constitution start falling apart and become meaningless. The freedom of speech doesn't mean much if you don't have a voice?

Let's take a look at the two rights they've decided to withhold from the people of the CNMI, but first I want you to think about this. What if the United States decided to chose two different rights offered in the Constitution, to withhold from the people, for example, the right to a fair trial, and equal protection. Everyone would say that's ludicrous, are they crazy? Yet, it is equally absurd to call a group of people Citizens, and withhold any part of the Constitutional protection afforded all other citizens. Why aren't we questioning this?

Why offer any protection under the U.S. Constitution, just call

us U.S. citizens and leave it at that. Since the term "U.S. citizen" doesn't really mean U.S. citizen anymore I don't think anyone's going to care or, notice, how you use it. We had to draft our own Constitution anyway so we'll just use it. The real question is why you choose those particular "rights".

After World War I the care and protection of our islands was turned over to the Japanese. It didn't take long before the temptation became too great and they chose a military option to try and assimilate all that they had been entrusted with. After World War II a similar scenario took place and the United Nations turned the care and protection of our people over to the United States, and, sure enough, it didn't take long before the United States succumbed to the same temptation, and instead of choosing a military option they chose the Hegemonic tools of citizenship, international status, and economic dependency, among other similar methods, to ruthlessly assimilate all they were entrusted with.

I know some people are going to have a problem with me comparing the U.S.'s involvement in this part of the world with the Japanese, but both the Americans and the Japanese violated a trust and went onto destroy something they had been given to protect.

Does anyone else see how surreal things are getting around here? We live under a fictional self-government, we're walking around in the aftermath of 10 years of economic ruin, juxtaposed with remnants of earlier devastation our people have endured at the hands of others.

The biggest myth floating around our island is that we are incapable of governing ourselves. I just don't see how anyone can possibly say that when we've never been given a chance to even try for the last 500 years.

And, the reason they chose those particular rights to withhold from our people is because, Its easier to ignore someone when you don't have to worry about them voting for you in the next election

I'm associated with an organization that is going to try and make the U S accountable for what they've done to the CNMI. It's not going to be easy but for the next four weeks you can find us here; *Marianas Agupa* every Saturday Morning between 9am and 11am on KWAW, Magic 100.3 FM.Or follow us at Fight Against Colonial Expansion, F.A.C.E.

You can become involved, or just tune in to watch us try, either way we truly appreciate your willingness to here what we have to say.

Garry Evilsizer
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The ridiculous and the facts

It is truly ridiculous to see someone attacking me for trying to help students—a clear and simple fact. The fact is I never labeled Ms. M as being a politician but as being associated, connected, and supporting the politics of the CNMI by figuratively asking us to "let it be" with the scholarships. Where did she learn civics and government?

Fact, I never said or accused Ms. M of anything other than figuratively asking me and others to "let it be" and forget about the scholarship money. Civics and even the law dictates that if you have money coming to you from a contractual agreement that you have a right to speak-up and even protest. So it is ridiculous for someone to complain about something that is truly the right thing to do because to do nothing is what got us in this social, economic, and political nightmare we are presently living out.

Fact, Ms. M only mentioned her success and never mentioned any of her hardships when comparing herself with other students, which was not a fair comparison as it led me to believe she was better off financially. So I will have to change my interpretation from arrogance to self-serving as it was about how she made it and not others. I do want to take this opportunity to offer kudos to Ms. M and her husband for pursuing higher education degrees and to offer an apology. But what I would really like to know is when and if her husband intends to return and fulfill their obligation to the CNMI? I say this because there is a two-edged sword on this issue. Many students don't have any intention of returning and the other side

of this two edge sword is that it was just reported only 42 of 208 returning scholars find jobs, which tells me the government is not transitioning these scholars into the workforce as alien workers are forced to leave.

It is ridiculous to say the student's contracts are not in violation when the checks were due in January and it is now June—even without a time being stipulated I'm sure any judge will agree this time frame is beyond "reasonable." Fact, I also never placed the blame on the CNMI or SHEFFA office but on the governor which is why the protest is in front of his office—duh! So Ms. M needs to get her facts straight.

Fact, I never said the government made the students decision but was a big part of the consideration in the decision of students—so I hope Ms. M understands this sentence in English. I'm sure most if not all the students in college have the same drives as Ms. M as we are all the same but we are not all in the same socioeconomic position. So it is ridiculous for Ms. M to expect everyone to follow her same path. She should consider herself lucky and fortunate to have gotten this far and thanking God instead of helping the government to "let it be" and telling students and parents to give up on our own government—this is why I asked where did she learn her civics and government?

It is a well known fact and ridiculous to assert in any form that going to college is a risk. We drill a college education into our children

starting in their formative years because we know education pays off eventually every time. The things Ms. M call risk are avenues for getting a college education and the whole purpose of the scholarships was to prevent our students from having to go down the roads of a high or low-paying loan and having a high debt.

Now she is telling students to just "let it be" and forget about the scholarships and don't do anything about it, which is beyond ridiculous its Ma-tapang!

As for taking constructive criticism, the author would do herself some good to take this constructive and objective reply to heart. What is really needed is a "Repatriation Program" to monitor scholarship recipients and assist the on-island and off-island students with returning to the CNMI once they have completed their degree. No one in government is really doing the necessary homework to make the scholarship programs and the transition to U.S. labor successful—that's the real epic center of the problem beyond funding.

PS: I'm trying to help students and someone wants to throw rocks at me and I didn't even mention a name because it is not about the person. But I have found that many locals use this name-calling tactic to purposely invoke disrespect not knowing it will not deter me and it only serves to help the cause. It also shows they are not professionals or objective but bias and only focusing on the messenger and not the message, which is the main reason I am able to keep saying I told you so

Ambrose M. Bennett

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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan			,	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota			,	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
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Rota-Guam			,	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
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Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
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FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
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Municipal council wants amendments to proposed casino bill

By CLARISSA V. DAVID REPORTER

Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho enumerated proposed amendments should the Saipan and Northern Islands Casino Control Act of 2011 be enacted.

These amendments include the involvement of the council in the budget process, procedure, and allocation for casino revenue, allowing the Northern

Islands mayor to appoint or recommend casino commission members who are subject to confirmation of the council, and allocating a percentage of the casino revenue to the Northern Marianas College.

"[W]e implore on the committees to engage in thoughtful and meaningful dialogue and deliberation over the fate [of] House Local Bill 17-44, by setting aside any special interests or undue influence or inclinations, and to support swift passage of this needed economic rescue plan provided the amendments enumerated above are part of the improvement to this proposal," Camacho said in his letter to Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) of the Judiciary and Government Operations committee and Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) of the Ways and Means committee.

According to Camacho, casinos was not an economic option for the island in the past since the local economy was thriving then.

"Today, the economic landscape has changed. It is no longer what it once was or used to be in the golden days," he noted.

The council chair called the casino act as an "alternative solution" since "the status quo offers only miseries, sufferings, and more troubles in paradise."

"If not an expanded gaming like casinos, then what alternatives do we have that would

sustain our quality of life as we know it?" Camacho asked.

He also cited the lack of a strong and healthy tax base and the fall of the garment industry in the Commonwealth as among the reasons why the local economy has worsened over the years and why the casino industry should be allowed on Saipan.

"[T]he council stands ready to further discuss or deliberate any or all parts of the bill in any public forum," Camacho added.

NMC hosts free 'Cash for College' workshop on June 25

The Northern Marianas College and the College Access Challenge Project will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop that is aimed at assisting students and their par-

opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop is on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the NMC As Terlaje campus in ents in maximizing scholarship Building A. The workshop will

be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid (SHEFA), and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the College's Office of Admis-

sions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), tax forms, and proof of CNMI residency for 2009 and 2010, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport, a voter registration card, and proof of vote cast.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 ext. 1526 or email daisym@nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

NMC-CREES offers summer internships for HS juniors, seniors

The Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service is encouraging incoming high school juniors and seniors for school year 2011/12 to apply for it's summer internship program.

The internship will take place from July 18 to Aug. 19, 2011. As part of the internship program, students will explore and learn about the fields of agriculture and family sciences. NMC-CREES has different divisions including Aquaculture, Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Food Science.

The deadline to apply for the internship is no later than 4:30pm on Monday, June 27, 2011. Application forms and additional information are available at the NMC-CREES offices in Building F at the NMC Saipan campus, and at the administrative offices of the NMC Rota and Tinian Instructional Sites.

For more information, contact Mark Flores at 234-5498 ext. 1706.

The internship program is made possible by funds from the ADAP Professional Development Project and Resident Instruction/CARIPAC Project. (NMC)



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Takasi, Shrestha top Tinian High graduates

By MONETH G. DEPOSA REPORTER

Alana Takasi and Alisha Shrestha were named this year's top graduates of Tinian High School, emerging as class vale-

dictorian and salutatorian, respectively, during the institution's commencement exercises Wednesday night.



Alana Takasi Valedictorian

Takasi was awarded the prestigious Board of Education award while Shrestha was bestowed the Commissioner of Education honor.

Takasi, the daughter of Mario and Brigette Alo, has been accepted to the U.S. Air Force and will be leaving on Nov. 1 for cided to join the U.S. Air Force this new journey in her life.

A consistent honor student since grade school, Takasi, however, never expected to be at the top of her class.

"I just always did my best and

it feels really good when your hard work are recognized," she told Saipan

Alisha Shrestha

Tribune. Salutatorian She gave credit to her parents for all the encouragement and support they've extended to her

throughout the years. Alisha Shrestha, this year's salutatorian, is the daughter of Renei Ann and Kedar Shrestha. The 19-year-old has also de-

and will be taking the physical examination on June 28. She told Saipan Tribune it is a great feeling when hard work finally pays off.

This year's Governor's Award went to William Manglona while the Leadership Award was bestowed on Chelsie Manglona.

The prestigious Top 10 list included Takasi, Shrestha, Jaehoon Shin, Jamila Cruz, Raybrent Iglecias, Laraine Manimtim, Jimuel Cabay, Ivy Pangelinan, William Manglona, and Jennifer Uy.

Tinian High School principal Julian Hofschneider, along with education officials, presented diplomas to 50 high school students during Wednesday night's ceremonies attended by the families and friends of the graduates.

Manta Ray Battalion serves as color guard at Hopwood graduation

Southern School's Manta Ray Battalion JROTC Color Guard and Exhibition Team visit Hopwood Junior High School graduation ceremony on Tuesday to perform the posting of the flags and at the same time entertain graduates with the SSHS Rifle Exhibition Team.

The program started at 9:30am, with the opening of the graduates walking to the stage and the SSHS color guard posting of the flags.

The principal's speech really made a powerful impact to the students and the Ralph Waldo Emerson's quote "Do not go where the path may lead, go in-



stead where there is no path and today.

leave a trail" resonated well. Overall the ceremony went well and the parents were proud

to see their children graduating

High School's Manta Ray Battalion **JROTC** Color Guard and Exhibition Team served as color guard and conducted a rifle drill at Hopwood Junior High School's graduation ceremony last Tuesday.

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After the ceremony the SSHS Exhibition Team "wowed" the audience with their great exhibition skills. (PR)

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Saipan mayor leaves for US, appoints Seman as OIC

By CLARISSA V. DAVID

clarissa_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Only a few days after his visit to Korea, Mayor Donald G. Flores has left the island once again, this time heading to the U.S. mainland.

Executive secretary Vinycia Seman said the mayor left yesterday to attend the United States Conference of Mayors.

"He will be there until the 28th," Seman told *Saipan Tribune*.

Flores, in a memorandum he issued yesterday, designated Seman as the Officer in Charge of the Saipan Mayor's Office.

"Please extend your full cooperation and support to Ms. Seman as she assumes these additional responsibilities," said Flores. A copy of the memorandum was provided to the offices of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, House Speaker Eli Cabrera, Senate President Paul Manglona, Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Ramon Tebuteb, and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho.

The memorandum comes after Camacho questioned Flores' appointment to council member Ralph Yumul when the mayor left for Taebaek City from June 7 to 9 to sign a sister city agreement with local officials.

Camacho earlier said that Flores was "clearly not complying with the law," referring to Saipan Local Law 17-8

The law follows the constitutional requirement that

the council chair becomes the acting mayor when the Saipan mayor is physically absent from the island. In the absence of the council chair, then the vice chair becomes acting Saipan mayor.

Flores, after returning from his Korea trip, defended his appointment of Yumul because he has the "discretion to appoint anybody."

Camacho, when asked for comment, said that his office did not receive a copy of the latest memorandum issued by Flores.

According to Camacho, he

did research on the issue and believes that he is "on the right track."

"I highly respect the local delegation. I will wait for the local delegation's counsel's opinion in reference to this issue," he added.

Kotohira-gu conducts memorial service on Rota

Members of the Kotohira-Gu Shrine in Japan made their annual pilgrimage to Rota last week to conduct a memorial service in honor of those who lost their lives on the island during World War II.

Members of the shrine have been conducting services on the island for more than 20 years. Last June 8's event at Sabana Peace Memorial was coordinated by Rota's Japanese Club, led by long-time Rota resident Akio Furukawa.

"The annual Kotohira-Gu



Members of the Kotohira-Gu Shrine in Japan made their annual pilgrimage to Rota last week to conduct a memorial service on June 8, 2011, at Sabana Peace Memorial in honor of those who lost their lives on the island during World War II.

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ceremony is a long-standing and familiar event in our community," said Sandra Atalig, acting Roads and Grounds Maintenance manager of the Marianas Visitors Authority office on Rota. "We're very pleased to again welcome the group this year."

Members of the Rota community also attended the event, including Rota Mayor Melchor

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Mendiola, members of the 13th Rota Municipal Council, staff of the Marianas Visitors Authority, and tour operators.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Kotohira-Gu members donated a \$500 gift certificate for fuel to the MVA to be use toward the grounds maintenance of the peach memorial and the Palii and Aponon Japanese tombs. (MVA)





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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DeLeon Guerrero-Camacho nuptials this Saturday cancelled

Due to a family emergency and circumstances beyond their control, the wedding of Stacylynn R. DeLeon Guerrero and Ray Anthony M. Camacho scheduled for this Saturday, June 18, 2011 has been cancelled. (PR)

Military training at FDM on June 20-22, June 24

The Emergency Management Office would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting Military Exercises on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla. The schedule dates and time is as follow:

- June 20-22, 2011 from 9am to 10pm 96 EBS MILITARY TRAINING
- June 24 from 11am to 7:30pm 96 EBS MILI-TARY TRAINING.

The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla Training Area (R7201) on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Due to the danger imposed by this activity, Gov. Benigno R Fitial is strongly advising the general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—to stay away from this area during the time and dates indicated.

9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. (EMO)

Call for volunteers for new breast, cervical health outreach project

The Commonwealth Cancer Association is seeking volunteers to help support its new breast and cervical health outreach project. We are specifically looking for:

- 1. Female volunteers for a photo shoot this week. We are specifically looking for:
- a grandmother/mother/daughter trio (ages 50+, mid-30s, teens);
- two to three tweens; mother/daughter pairs (two pairs):
- two women ages 50+; and
- breast and cervical cancer survivors for testimonial pieces
- 2. Outreach volunteers who can commit to a sixweek training program with CCA (on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings, for two hours per day), and a few hours every month thereafter for a year of volunteer service. Outreach volunteers will play an important role in developing a breast and cervical health outreach plan aimed at

For more information, or to volunteer, contact CCA at 682-0050 or email cca@ccamarianas.org.

This is to inform all prospective jurors for panels "PS" that the jury selections scheduled for June 27, 2011, at 8:30am in Courtroom 202A are cancelled until further notice. For further information, contact jury coordinator Dora SN. Decena or deputy clerk Rosie Ada at 236-9765. (PR)

Banana print painting classes this Saturday

The family that created banana printing on Saipan will be offering free classes on banana print painting, mwar making, and making a rocking horse this Saturday, June 18.

Inetnon Amot yan Kutturan Natibu/Mwiischil Safey me Kkoor Aramasal Faluw (IAKN/ MSKAF) said the classes are open to all Chamorro and Carolinian youths and adults. The venue will be the Saipan Chamorro-Carolinian Village Cultural Centers.

Road, across the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency and next to the CNMI Board of Parole Office. Classes start at 9am and end around noon.

The free classes are offered by the Association of Native Medicine and Culture, in partnership with the Indigenous Affairs Office, and funded in part by the Administration for Native Americans. For more information, call 322-0278. (PR)

UOG internships for those interested in natural resources management, agriculture

The University of Guam College of Natural and Applied Sciences offers incoming UOG students for the fall 2011 semester internship opportunities to learn about natural resources management and agriculture.

There are five internships available. Interns receive \$7.25 per hour and work 40 hours per week except holidays. The internship runs June 27 to July 29. Contact Dr. Mari Marutani at marutani@uguam. The centers are located at 1213 Capitol Hill uog.edu. Deadline to apply: June 17, 2011. (UOG)

SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE

SAIPAN ICE & WATER COMPANY!

Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 11:00am

Bring the children and your friends – FREE! See how your drinking water is processed! Watch your ice being made! Learn and see how your plastic drinking bottles are made! The only plastic blowing operation in Saipan! Watch our chemist test your drinking water for purity!

Get a free bottle of drinking water!

For more information call 322-6130

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(formerly Remington Club in Garapan)

Father's Day Lounch and Dinner O

SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH , OPEN AT 11:00 A.M.

CHOICE OF:

ROAST PIG, ROAST BEEF AND BREADED SHRIMP WITH CHOICE OF WHITE/RED RICE, BAKED OR MASHED POTATO W/GRAVY, SOUP & DESSERT

1INCH CUT SIRLOIN OR RIB EYE STEAK WITH CHOICE OF WHITE/RED RICE, BAKED OR MASHED POTATO W/GRAVY, SOUP & DESSERT

2 INCH CUT SIRLOIN OR RIB EYE STEAK WITH CHOICE OF WHITE/RED RICE, BAKED OR MASHED POTATO W/GRAVY, SOUP & **DESSERT**

\$34.95

\$24.95

OPEN SALAD BAR

Tropical Drinks - \$5.00 , Miller Lite / Budweiser and Bud Light Draft Beer - \$3.00 a glass, Pitcher \$14.00 , Domestic Bottle Beer (BUCKET, 5 BOTTLES) - \$16.00 , ALL OTHER DRINKS - 15% OFF

PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED OUT FREE OF CHARGE, DOCOMO PHONES. PHONE CARDS AND JOE'S BAR GIFT CERTIFICATES.



Magician Ryan Anderson (from Guam) Saturday Night - 8:00 p.m. • Sunday 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



For Inquiry or Reservation, Please call 322-1234 ext 732

Saipan Flipper Race attracts jiji.com

Staff from the website of one of the summer travel season Authority and supported by of Japan's leading news wire agencies arrived in the CNMI yesterday to cover this Saturday's 3rd Annual Saipan International Open Water Flipper Race Tournament.

Jiji.com will feature the race and other local tourism attractions in early July at the start

in Japan. The website receives about 116-million page views each month, and coverage of the Northern Marianas is valued at an estimated \$28,000.

Over 30 participants from Japan have traveled to Saipan this week for the event, sponsored by the Marianas Visitors

the Community Sports Center Foundation of Japan.

The tournament will allow participants to circumnavigate the 1.5-kilometer island at a leisure pace using masks, snorkels, flippers, and life jackets. Wetsuits are mandatory.

Jiji supplies newspapers and

television broadcasters across Japan with the latest news on a wide range of topics and specialized industries, making it popular with business people. While on Saipan, the shooting crew will also visit the Garapan Street Market, a barbeque dinner show at Fiesta Resort & Spa, and scenic sites such

as flame trees in bloom. They will also cover Mandi Asia Spa and Mariana Resort, where they are staying during their FAM(iliarization) tour.

The race cost is \$25 for Northern Marianas residents with I.D. The deadline to register with the MVA is today, June 17, 2011, from 4:30pm to 5:30pm during the mandatory orientation at the American Memorial Park Amphitheater in Garapan.

Ferries depart promptly at 4:45am the morning of the race, carrying participants and officials to Managaha. The race starts at 6:30am, with an islandstyle breakfast and awards ceremony at 9am on the white sand beaches of Managaha.

There will be several age divisions: 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60-and-up. Those age 18-and-under will be entered in the Junior Division. (MVA)

Broadband townhall meetings this June

One Economy, CNMI Depart- and Reinvestment Act to develop ment of Commerce, BroadMap LLC, and the New America Foundation will be conducting a town hall meeting to understand residents' attitudes toward broadband.

The program is part of an ini-

and maintain a comprehensive, interactive, and searchable nationwide map of existing broadband capability and availability throughout each state or territory.

In addition, One Economy aims to improve broadband understanding the barriers to adopting broadband that residents may face.

The following confirmed scheduled Village/Town Hall meetings will be held in June:

■ Monday, June 20, 6pm at the Tanapag Youth Center

the Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Capital Hill

- Wednesday, June 22, 6pm at the Kagman Community Center
- Tuesday, June 28, 6pm at the San Vicente Elementary School Cafeteria
- Wednesday, June 29, 2011, 6pm at the Dandan Elementary School Cafeteria

The public's participation in

will help map Internet access, usage and attitudes. Refreshments will be served.

One Economy is a global nonprofit organization that uses innovative approaches to deliver the power of technology and information to lowincome people. More than 17 million people have used One Economy's online tools and

resources, including The Beehive (www.thebeehive.org) and the Public Internet Channel (www.pic.tv).

In 2005, One Economy expanded its mission to include global programs. Currently, it operates on six continents and is planning additional expansion in sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, Asia, and Latin America. (PR)

Old Man by the Sea beach red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged Old Man by the Sea and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fe-

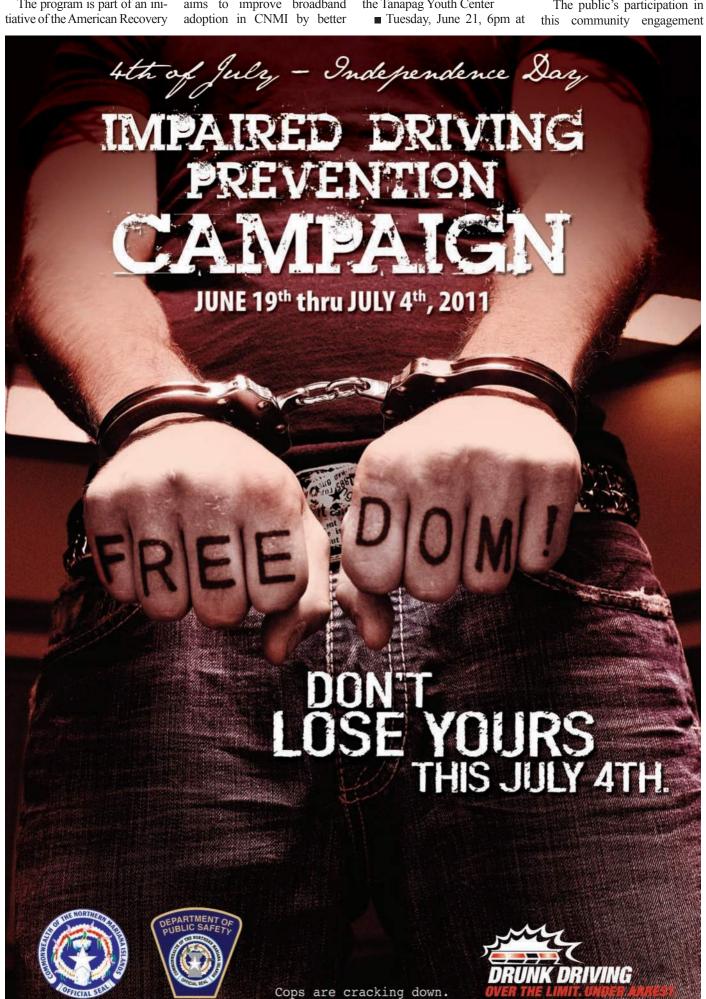
cal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Ouality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 12 locations on Saipan this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

Tinian Tachogna beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged Tachogna Beach and is advising the public not to fish or or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator

bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate swim within 300 feet of these the presence of human and locations for the next 48 hours animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 10 locations on Tinian this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**





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'Pamper your dad on Father's Day'

REPORTER

Father's Day is just around the corner and to honor all dads on island, Serenity Salon and Spa has come up for the first time with a promotion that's a perfect gift idea for all the fathers out there.

Serenity Salon and Spa, a full service salon and spa, makes all female customers feel and look attractive, pampered, and relaxed with the help of its highly trained staff who look forward to welcoming clients like they're family.

Ta Bun Kuy, who owns the TBK group of companies which include Serenity Salon and Spa, said that promotion packages are a big hit especially during Mother's Day.

"On Mother's Day, all kinds of businesses-from flower shops to salons and restaurants-are filled with activity because everyone is celebrating the occasion," he said.

On Father's Day, however, Ta said not many people go out to buy gifts for fathers or observe the holiday by giving their dads a treat.

Ta noted that the activity on Father's Day is only about a few percent of what happens on Mother's Day.

"People should honor fathers, too. A father is an important part of the family because he serves as the pillar," he told Saipan Tribune.

Ta, who has eight children and several grandchildren, em-



CLARISSA V. DAVID

The highly trained and accommodating staff at Serenity Salon and Spa. From left, Mercy, senior hair therapist; Angie, therapist; Venus, senior stylist and all-around beautician; Michelle, hair stylist and all-around beautician; Pinky, senior therapist and facialist; and Analyn, therapist and facialist.

phasized that fathers deserve to be acknowledged for what they have done for their families like supporting them financially and protecting them physically when needed.

"Anyone can buy their father, grandfather, husband, uncle, or nephew a gift to make them feel special on Father's Day because

they deserve it," he said. When

For appointments, call 233-6688

looking for ideal gifts for fathers, Ta said they can try any of the available packages in Serenity Salon & Spa's Father's Day Special.

According to Ta, fathers can also indulge and be pampered with facial, body scrub, hair scalp treatment, or a massage.

"Let your fathers release their

muscles and relax at Serenity Salon and Spa," he said.

Special packages

Fathers can choose from eight different packages available at Serenity Salon & Spa from June 17 to 19.

Package A, which costs \$100, consists of Anti-Aging Facial,

Diamond SERENITY SALON AND SPA Peel, Manicure/Pedicure, Body

Scrub with Honey Body Polish, and Hair Scalp Treatment.

Package B, also for \$100, includes Anti-Aging Facial, Diamond Peel, Serenity Signature Massage, Body Scrub with Honey Body Polish, and Hair Scalp

Package C, for \$80, involves stress from work, soothe their Anti-Aging Facial, Diamond

Peel, Body Scrub with Honey Body Polish, and Hair Spa Treatment.

Package D, for \$75, includes Anti-Aging Facial, Diamond Peel, Serenity Signature Massage, and Hair Spa Treatment.

Package E, for \$75, consists of Deep Cleansing Facial, Diamond Peel, Body Scrub with Honey Polish, and Hair Spa treatment.

Package F, for \$60, includes Anti-Aging Facial, Serenity Signature Massage, and Hair Spa Treatment.

Package G, for \$55, contains Anti-Aging Facial, Diamond Peel, and Hair Spa Treatment.

There is also a special package that includes five sessions of Anti-Aging Facial plus five sessions of Diamond Peel for \$200.

During the promo, all other services at Serenity Salon and Spa will be buy one, get half price off for the second service. Gift certificates can also be purchased for that perfect gift.

We encourage everyone to give their fathers the ultimate relaxation this Father's Day by making them enjoy the services at Serenity Salon and Spa," said Ta.

Serenity Salon and Spa is located on the second floor of Dollar Days Building in Garapan. They are open Tuesday to Sunday, from 10am to 7pm. For appointments or more information, call 233-6688.

Hyatt exceeds target in raffle ticket sales

By CLARISSA V. DAVID REPORTER

Hyatt Regency Saipan has exceeded its target for the Marianas March Against Cancer Raffle Draw to be held tonight.

Luis Villagomez, marketing communications assistant manager for Hyatt, disclosed that their goal is to raise \$3,000 from selling the raffle tickets.

"Right now, our estimate is that we've exceeded our target through the help of all hotel employees who are determined to sell the tickets. We've sold a lot," he told Saipan Tribune.

Exciting prizes will be given away in the raffle draw, which is one of the fundraising activities of Hyatt Regency Saipan for this year's MMAC.

MMAC, the signature fundraiser of Commonwealth Cancer Association, is an annual event that provides opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those who have lost the fight, and raise money and awareness for those affected by the disease.

For only \$1 per ticket or \$5 per booklet of six tickets, buyers will get a chance to win the grand prize of a onenight stay at Hyatt's Executive Suite with Kili breakfast

Other major prizes are a one-night stay at the Spa Suite with Kili breakfast buffet for two, 1st prize; one-night stay at Regency Club Room, 2nd prize; one night stay at Deluxe Room with Kili breakfast buffet for two, 3rd prize; one night Guestroom with Kili breakfast buffet for two, 4th prize; and 60-minute Swedish massage for two, 5th prize.

Minor prizes include lunch buffet at Miyako for two, Friday lunch buffet at Giovanni's for two, Beach Barbecue dinner for two, lunch buffet at Kili Café and Terrace for two, and Sunday brunch for two.

Villagomez said there are still raffle tickets available for sale at the hotel front desk.

For more information or to purchase raffle tickets, email Luis Villagomez at luis.villagomez@hyattsaipan.com or Josephine Mesta at josephine.mesta@hyattsaipan.com or call 234-1234.





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Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Worsening Greek debt crisis sinks stocks, euro

NEW YORK (AP)—Unrest in Greece rattled global financial markets Wednesday. Stocks fell the most since June 1 as investors piled into lower-risk assets like the dollar and U.S. government bonds. A report on manufacturing in the New York area also came in far below forecasts. That reignited fears that factory production, one of the few bright spots in the U.S. economy, may be weaker than many economists had believed. Thousands of people gathered on the streets of Athens to protest government cutbacks required by international lenders. Demonstrators hurled rocks at riot police, who responded with tear gas. Greece's prime minister said he would name a new Cabinet after talks to form a new government with opposition parties failed.

Oil rebounds above \$95 amid Greece debt fears

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices rose to above \$95 a barrel Thursday in Asia, reversing slightly after big losses sparked by Europe's deepening debt crisis and a stronger U.S. dollar. Benchmark oil for July delivery was up 69 cents to \$95.50 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell \$4.56 to settle at \$94.81 on Wednesday. In London, Brent crude for August delivery was up \$1.34 to \$114.35 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange. Violent protests in Greece on Wednesday over proposed austerity measures spooked traders and helped strengthen the dollar against the euro, making dollar-based commodities such as oil more expensive for investors with other currencies.

Inflation slows in May as gas prices fall

WASHINGTON (AP)—Falling energy prices

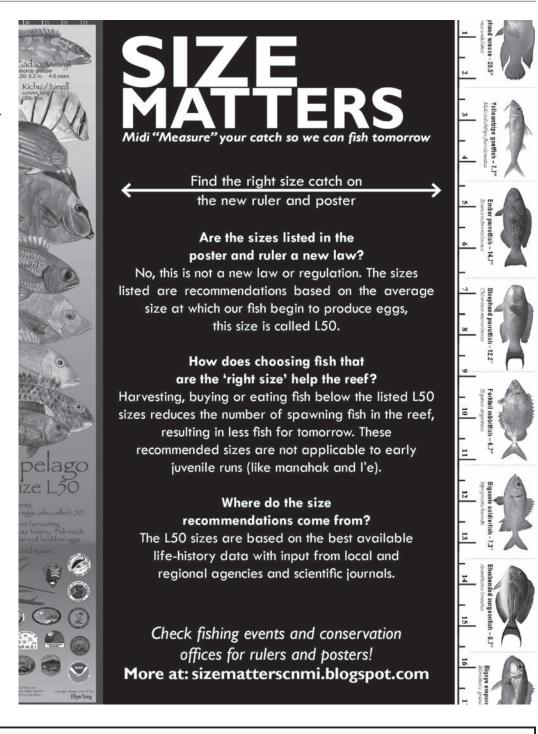
cooled overall inflation in May, offering some relief to consumers who have been coping for months with high gas prices. Consumer prices rose 0.2 percent, the smallest increase in six months, the Labor Department said. It was the first drop in energy costs in nearly a year. Still, Americans paid more for cars, clothing and hotel rooms in May. That drove so-called "core" consumer prices, which exclude volatile food and energy, up by the most in nearly three years. The increase in core inflation, which was higher than analysts expected, contributed to another bleak day on Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 179 points, reflecting fears that the worsening debt crisis in Greece could spread.

Late credit card payments hit pre-recession level

NEW YORK (AP)—Late payments on credit cards have dropped to rates seen before the Great Recession, and defaults are also heading close to normal levels, reports from the nation's top six issuers show. A series of regulatory filings on Wednesday showed that May payment rates for most of the biggest card issuers were down to rates seen before the economic downturn. In the case of industry-leading American Express, the rate of payments late by 30 days or more is far better than before the crisis, at 1.6 percent of balances on an annualized basis for May.

Canadian finance minister urges US to cut deficit

NEW YORK (AP)—Canadian Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said on Wednesday that the U.S. should come up with a clear plan to reduce its deficit and balance its budget quickly in order to ensure the health of the Canadian and global economy "The United States is a major recipient of Canadian exports. Any difficulties in the U.S. economy are felt in the Canadian economy directly," Flaherty said. He added that the continued weakness in the U.S. housing market is also a concern.

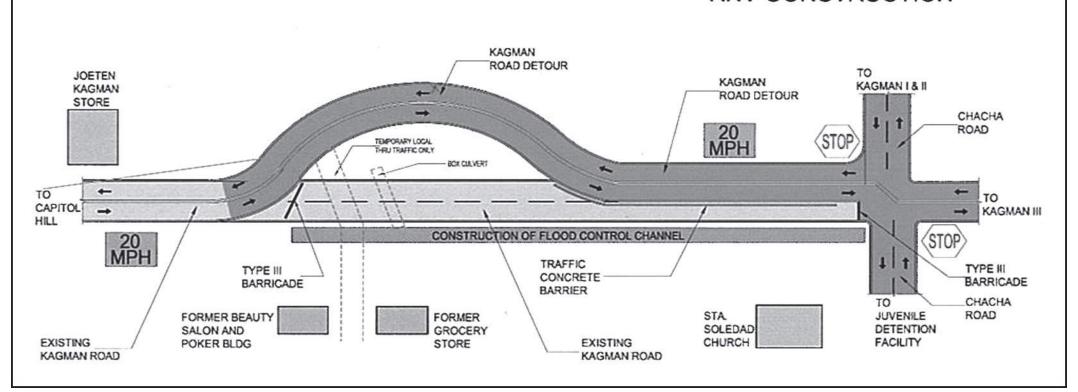


NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Effective June 23, 2011, Kagman Road traffic will be detoured as depicted below to allow for the safe construction of an underground Flood Control Channel and a large Box Culvert as part of the Kagman Watershed Project. This paved detour is expected to remain in place throughout the construction at a reduced speed of 20 MPH.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

RNV CONSTRUCTION



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Porn actress: Weiner asked me to lie about talks

NEW YORK (AP)—A former porn actress who exchanged emails and messages over Twitter with Rep. Anthony Weiner said Wednesday that he asked her to lie about their interactions, while a growing chorus of lawmakers pressed for his resignation as the scandal enveloping the congressman enters its third week.

Weiner has told friends he wanted to speak with his pregnant wife, Huma Abedin, before deciding whether to resign. She returned to Washington early Wednesday from a trip to Africa with her boss, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Nightclub dancer Ginger Lee is the latest in a series of women who said they received sexually charged messages from the seven-term congress-



Former porn actress Ginger Lee, left, and her attorney Gloria Allred address a news conference at the Friars Club, in New York, Wednesday, June 15, 2011

man. The scandal began when Weiner posted a picture of his underwear-clad crotch on Twitter, then lied about it and said his account was hacked. Weiner

acknowledged last week during a teary press conference that he had sent lewd photos and messages to about six women over three years.

ACROSS THE NATION

Breaches don't change Missouri River flood outlook

HAMBURG, Iowa (AP)—

Construction crews on Wednesday put the final touches on a makeshift levee standing between a small Iowa town and the creeping advance of Missouri River floodwater, as communities downstream took advantage of a temporary dip in water levels to bolster their own strained defenses. Water that breached the primary river levee just south of the Missouri-Iowa border on Monday had advanced to within 500 yards of the temporary floodwall guarding Hamburg, five miles to the northeast, and was expected to reach the structure by Thursday, said Robert Michaels, the Army Corps of Engineers official who has overseen construction of the new levee.

Hackers say they hit CIA website

WASHINGTON (AP)—A group of hackers who breached the Senate computer system earlier this week claimed responsibility for problems with the CIA's website Wednesday.

The group, known as Lulz Security, tweeted "Tango down-CIA.gov," and there were problems throughout the early evening accessing the agency's website. The attack appeared to be targeting the CIA"s public website, which does not include classified data and has no impact on the CIA's operation. CIA spokeswoman Marie Harf says the agency is looking into the reports. It is sometimes difficult to tell if a website has been hacked, or if the claim alone drove so many people to the site that it crashed.

RETIREMENT FUND

INVITATION FOR BID
IFB# RF11-004

"REPLACEMENT OF PUMP SYSTEM AT NMI RETIREMENT BUILDING"

The Northern Marianas Retirement Fund (Fund) is soliciting sealed bids for Replacement of Pump System at the Northern Marianas Retirement building, Capitol Hill Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The bid documents and scope of work package is available beginning on Friday, June 17, 2011 at the Northern Marianas Retirement Fund Building.

There will be a pre-bid conference on Monday, June 27, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Fund Conference Room, Capitol Hill Saipan. Questions regarding the project must be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 664-8080 or emailed to Dion Mesta at mestad@nmiretirement.com no later than June 29, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked IFB# RF11-004 and submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies to the Administrator, NMI Retirement Fund, P.O. Box 501247, Saipan, MP, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands not later than 10:00 am, local time, July 11, 2011. If no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 10:00 a.m. local time July 15, 2011 at the Fund Conference Room, Capitol Hill Saipan.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Administrator, no later than 10:00 am local time on July 11, 2011 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-8080 or email to administrator01@nmiretirement.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 11, 2011 and must be received no later than July 18, 2011 in which case all bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m., July 19, 2011.

Richard S. Villagomez
Administrator, NMI Retirement Fund

US Rep. Giffords released from Houston hospital

HOUSTON (AP)—Rep. Gabrielle Giffords returned home to her astronaut husband on Wednesday, leaving behind a Houston hospital where she began to rebuild her life after a gunman shot her in the head five months ago.

Giffords' release begins a new phase in her recovery. She struggles to speak and walk, and will need daily, intensive therapy. Whether she will ever recover enough to resume her congressional duties is still unknown.

Doctors at TIRR Memorial Hermann, her husband Mark Kelly and experts who have been observing Giffords' recovery emphasize though that going home is a key milestone and could help stimulate her progress.

"Anyone who knows Gabby knows that she loves being outside," Kelly said in a statement released by the hospital. "Living and working in a rehab facility for five months straight has been especially challenging for her."

Giffords will go to the hospital each day. Now, when she finishes rehab, "she will be with her family," he added.

The congresswoman will move to Kelly's home in League City, a suburb near the Johnson Space Center. Her therapy will continue with the team that has been treating her since her arrival in Houston.

Asia

Philippines on alert over bomb plot

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A top Asian terrorist suspect and the notorious Abu Sayyaf extremist group may have deployed militants to bomb targets in the Philippine capital, according to a Philippine intelligence report seen by The Associated Press on Thursday.

Intelligence operatives fanned out in metropolitan Manila to thwart any attack as the military and police said that they are taking the report seriously, although it remains unsubstantiated and comes from only one source.

The heightened alert comes after the U.S. State Department on Tuesday renewed its travel warning for the Philippines, saying terrorist attacks could occur in the restive southern Philippines and even in Manila. The U.S. Embassy did not cite any specific reason for the latest warning.

The Philippine government has complained that such warn-

ings fail to take into account an improving security situation.

Government troops and police have killed and captured hundreds of Abu Sayyaf militants in past years and the few recent attacks attributed to them have been mostly confined to far-flung communities on the southern islands of Basilan and Jolo. Surviving militants have been on the run in the jungles and crippled by a lack of funds, the military says.

Malaysian Zulkifli bin Hir, a long-wanted terrorist suspect believed to be hiding in the southern Mindanao region, and the Abu Sayyaf deployed a few militants to bomb stillunspecified targets in Manila, the government report said.

One of two security officials who have seen the report said one date mentioned for the possible bombings was June 12, when the country celebrated its Independence Day, but no attack happened. The officials

spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the topic.

The military commander in the capital, Tristan Kison, said he has not seen the report but added that authorities were constantly on the lookout for any threat from "people with bad intentions."

Zulkifli bin Hir, a U.S.-trained Malaysian engineer also known as Marwan, has been accused by U.S. and Philippine authorities of involvement in a number of deadly bombings in the country. Washington has offered a \$5 million reward for his capture.

The latest travel advisory for U.S. citizens replaces a similar warning issued in November. The U.S., along with Australia, Britain, Canada, France and New Zealand, warned of possible terrorist attacks in the Philippines, including in Manila, at the time but no violence transpired.

Terror leader lives freely near Pakistani capital

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)—On the outskirts of the Pakistani capital lives a militant considered so powerful that Osama bin Laden consulted with him before issuing a fatwa to attack American interests.

Fazle-ur-Rahman Khalil heads Harakat-ul-Mujahedeen, a terrorist group closely aligned with al-Qaida and a signatory to bin Laden's anti-U.S. fatwa in 1998. Khalil has also dispatched fighters to India, Afghanistan, Somalia, Chechnya and Bosnia, was a confidante of bin Laden and hung out with 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

Pakistani authorities are clearly aware of Khalil's whereabouts. But they leave him alone, just as they tolerate other Kashmiri militant groups nurtured by the military and its intelligence agency to use against India.

Khalil is also useful to the authorities because of his unusually wide contacts among Pakistan's many militant groups, said a senior government official who is familiar with the security agencies and who spoke on condition he not be identified fearing repercussions.

Khalil's presence in an Islamabad suburb, confirmed to The Associated Press by Western officials in the region, underscores accusations that Pakistan is still playing a double game—fighting some militant groups while tolerating or supporting others—even after the solo U.S. raid that killed bin Laden on May 2.

The U.S. Congress, enraged that bin Laden found refuge for at least five years down the street from Pakistan's equivalent of West Point, has threatened to cut off the billions of dollars in

aid being spent here.

Obama administration officials and U.S. Army officers are trying to rebuild the relationship, considered vital to American hopes of negotiating an end to the Afghan war, but if anything the two sides appear to have drifted further apart in recent weeks.

Pakistan's intelligence service has arrested five Pakistanis who fed information to the CIA before the American raid that killed bin Laden, according to a Western official in Pakistan.

The group of detained Pakistanis included the owner of a safe house rented to the CIA to observe bin Laden's compound in the military town of Abbottabad, a U.S. official said. The owner was detained along with a "handful" of other Pakistanis, said the official.

ASIAN BRIEFS

China dispatches patrol boat amid tensions

BEIJING (AP)—China has dispatched one of its largest maritime patrol ships on a first-

ever visit to the Southeast Asian city-state of Singapore amid a spike in tensions over disputed territory in the South China Sea. The Haixun-31 left Wednesday and will stay in Singapore for two weeks of exchanges on search and rescue, anti-piracy and port management operations, Chinese state media reported Thursday. Similar ships have been accused of harassing foreign shipping in the South China Sea, including U.S. Navy surveillance vessels.

Volcano ash turns Asian eclipse blood red

SYDNEY (AP)—Asian and African night owls were treated to a lunar eclipse, and ash in the atmosphere from

a Chilean volcano turned it blood red for some viewers The Sydney Observatory said the eclipse was to begin at 3:25 a.m. Thursday (1:25 p.m. EDT, 5:25 p.m. GMT Wednesday) and last until after 5 a.m. Scientists said the specific phenomenon happening Thursday—known as a "deep lunar eclipse"—often exudes a coppery color. But the intensity of the color depends on the amount of ash and dust in the atmosphere. Luckily for moon-gazers, there was plenty of ash in the air so the moon appeared orange or red, especially in Asia. Air travelers haven't been so lucky: The ash has grounded hundreds of flights around the region.

Notice of Zoning Board Special Meeting a special meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Tuesda

A special meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 12:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Bldg., Saipan

- A. Preliminary Matters
 - 1. Call to Order 2. Roll Call
- B. New Business
 - Board determination whether to recommend changes to the text of the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law and the official zoning maps to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

C. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn. Please contact Douglas Wyatt, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661 for any questions. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS **CUC-RFP-11-010**

Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System ADDENDUM NO. 1

May 26, 2011

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is issuing the following amendments to CUC-RFP-11-010, Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System:

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-010, Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than July 07, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST). A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on June 03, 2011 at 11:00 AM (ChST), at CUC Main Conference Room No. 10, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than June 10, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST) to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email address charles_warren@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

- Scope-of-Work, Page 26, at letter c: "Considering the SO 1 requirements which CUC must meet, an aggressive schedule for the design and execution of the project is required four months after the Notice to Proceed. Does the Proposed schedule meet this requirement?" AMENDED AS FOLLOW: "Considering the SO 1 requirement which CUC must meet, an aggressive schedule for the design and execution of the project is requested."
- Scope-of-Work, Page 5, section 2. Introduction: AMENDED AS FOLLOW: "Systems must be in place and operational by: As soon as possible".
- Appendix C is not required, as price is part of Appendix B. Appendix C stricken from appendices.

ABE UTU MALAE Executive Director



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-036

GASIFICATION OR WASTE TO ENERGY GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced Independent Power Producers (IPP), to supply electrical energy or synthetic diesel - produced from commercially proven Waste to Energy (WTE) or Gasification systems, for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC seeks responses from qualified developers from which the CUC intends to select one respondent to negotiate Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and install Gasification or Waste to Energy generation facilities that best fit the CUC's requirements. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) will be the feedstock.

The Scope of Services requested in the Request for Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, securing sites, all permits and approvals from governing agencies, and providing all labor, services and equipment necessary to design, procure, install, construct, test, commission, monitor, operate, and maintain fully operational Gasification or Waste to Energy Generating Facilities. Selected IPP(s) will be responsible for operating and maintaining facets of the Generating Facility (ies) and for generating the required output as described in the Request for Proposal described in the Request for Proposal.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on June 21, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST), at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-036" Gasification or Waste to Energy Generation" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than August 30, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST). A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Late submissions will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **July 19, 2011** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Executive Director

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 AND 2012 RFP 11-03

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) and the Office of the Public Auditor are soliciting proposals for the financial and compliance audits of MPLT for the two fiscal years ending September 30, 2011 and 2012. Separate audits and reports are to be performed and issued for each year. The audits shall be performed in compliance with the following guidelines:

STANDARDS

The audit shall be performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards (for Audit of Government Organizations, Programs, Activities, and Functions issued by the Comptroller General of the United States).

The audit report shall included the auditor's opinion on the financial statements, the auditor's report on the review and evaluation of internal controls, and the auditor's report on compliance with laws, regulations, grants, and contracts.

Proposals must have the following information

TITILE PAGE:

- Request for Proposal Subject
- Name of the CPA or CPA firm
 Local address and telephone number
- Name of contact person and submission date

TRANSMITTAL LETTER:

- Briefly state your understanding of the audit to be performed. Include an affirmative statement that your firm can perform and complete the work with the time specified.

 State a comprehensive fee for which the work will be performed
- Briefly describe your work plan and state the target dates for the entrance and exit conference and for the delivery of the draft and final audit report package.

COMPANY'S PROFILE:

- Provide a brief description of the proposer firm, personnel, including educational background and experience, number
- of staff and staff levels (partner, manager, auditors, etc) and client listing.

 The proposer must make an affirmative statement or provide supporting document to state/show that; (1) at least the partners are certified public accountants (CPA's), (2) it meets all the independence requirement of the applicable auditing standards, (3) it does not have a record of substandard audit work (4) it meets all specified requirements imposed by the CNMI laws and other regulations, and (5) its system of quality control for accounting and auditing practice is in conformity with standards established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).
- The proposal should identify Principals/Partners, Audit Managers and other staff members who will work on the audit and provide resumes showing relevant experience and compliance with the continuing education requirement of the auditing standards.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- The proposal will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

 1. Responsiveness of the proposal in clearly stating an understanding of the scope of work to be performed and completing the work on time (25%)

 - Qualifications and experience of the firm (25%)
 Qualifications and technical competence of the staff to be assigned. Education, position in the firm, and years and types of experience will be considered (25%)
 - Audit fee (25%)

Cost is not expected to be the controlling factor in the selection of a Contractor for this solicitation. The degree of importance of cost can increase should the proposers substantially receive equal points (within 3%) after evaluating the first three criteria. In that event, the best and final cost/price may be requested and negotiated with the responsive and qualified proposers. The right to award based upon the proposed cost/price however, is reserved, if the cost/price is determined fair and reasonable for the

One (1) original and five (5) copies of the proposal shall be submitted no later than July 25, 2011 to:

Marianas Public Land Trust 1313 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill P.O. Box 501089 Saipan, MP 96950

The contract for audit will be awarded by August 31, 2011 and the audit work can commence on November 15, 2011 and 2012. The final audit reports shall be completed and delivered by January 31, 2011 and 2012.

Inquires may be directed to Barbara Reyes, Office Manager at telephone number (670) 322-4401/4402 or by email at



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-037

EXHAUST HEAT RECOVERY PROJECT ORGANIC RANKINE CYCLE (ORC)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced companies or IPPs, to supply electrical energy produced from commercially proven Exhaust Heat Recovery systems (Organic Rankine Cycle), for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation. The heat recovery system will be tied to the exhaust systems on diesel engines at Power Plant No.1 in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC seeks responses from qualified developers from which the CUC intends to select one respondent to negotiate Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and install Exhaust Heat Recovery systems that best fit the CUC's requirements.

The Scope of Services requested in the Request for Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, any permits and approvals from governing agencies, and providing all labor, services and equipment necessary to design, procure, install, construct, test, commission, monitor, operate, and maintain fully the Exhaust Heat

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on June 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST), at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-037" Exhaust Heat Recovery Project" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than <u>August 18, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)</u>. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Late submissions will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on <u>July 19, 2011</u> to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC

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World

Libya: Area near Gadhafi compound struck in raid

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)-NATO again pounded the area near Moammar Gadhafi's compound Thursday during a pre-dawn raid in the Libyan capital Tripoli.

A series of thunderous booms rumbled in quick succession shortly before 5 a.m., rattling windows in the heart of the city. A column of smoke could be seen rising from the vicinity of the Libyan leader's Bab al-Aziziya compound as sirens from emergency vehicles blared through the streets.

It was not clear what was hit, and there was no word on casualties. Government officials did not immediately comment on the strike.

NATO warplanes have repeatedly targeted the area in and around the compound. Rallies in support of the leader and his more than four-decade rule are held there nightly.

The alliance launched its air campaign nearly three months ago under a United Nations resolution to protect civilians. What started as a peaceful uprising inside the country against Gadhafi has become a civil war, with



Rebel fighters fire their machine guns towards pro-Moammar Gadhafi forces at the front line of Dafniya, west of Misrata, Libya, Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

poorly equipped and trained rebel fighters taking control of the eastern third of Libya and pockets of the west.

The fighting had reached a stalemate until last week when NATO launched the heaviest bombardment of Gadhafi forces since the alliance took control of the skies over Libya. NATO has been pounding Gadhafi's military and government positions with increasing vigor and the rebels are again on the move.

Britain's prime minister said

Wednesday that time is running out for Gadhafi's forces, even as some senior military leaders within NATO have voiced concerns that the mission is straining the alliance's resources.

"Time is on our side," British Prime Minister David Cameron told lawmakers Wednesday. "We have got NATO, we've got the United Nations, we've got the Arab League, we have right on our side. The pressure is building militarily, diplomatically, politically, and time is running out for Gadhafi."

Yemen's militants step up attacks amid turmoil

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Al-Qaida-linked militants temporarily seized parts of a provincial capital in southern Yemen on Wednesday, the latest in a series of brazen attacks by extremists taking advantage of the turmoil in the poor Arab nation.

The increasingly bold fighters are expanding their reach after wounded President Ali Abdullah Saleh left Yemen for Saudi Arabia and cast the country into deeper chaos. Their gains in a nearly lawless region of southern Yemen lend urgency to U.S. efforts to bolster military capabilities that can be used to strike at the terrorist network

Yemen is at the southern corner of the Arabian Peninsula close to the Gulf's vast oil fields and strategic ship-

ping lanes in the Arabian and Red seas. It is home to one of the most active al-Qaida branches, which has been linked to several nearly successful attacks on U.S. targets, including the plot to bomb a Detroit-bound airliner in December 2009. The group also put sophisticated bombs into U.S.-addressed parcels that made it onto cargo flights.

Yemen is also home to U.S.born Muslim cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, whom the United States has put on a kill-or-capture list. Washington accuses him of inspiring attacks on the U.S., including the 2009 shooting at a military base in Texas that killed 13 people.

Saleh left Yemen for treatment of wounds he suffered in a rocket attack on his compound in Yemen's capital, Sanaa. The president, who is nearly 70, was quoted by the Saudi media Wednesday as saying he was "in good health and steadily improving."

Yemen's leader of nearly 33 years, Saleh has held onto power in the face of massive protests demanding his ouster since February. Some of his top aides, military commanders, Cabinet ministers and diplomats have defected to the protesters' side in recent months. This month, troops loyal to him fought rival tribesmen in Sanaa's streets, with both sides using rockets, mortars and artillery.

The turmoil has created a vacuum in Yemen, the Arab world's poorest nation, threatening to cause the country to unravel or break up.

crossfire reported on Wednes-

Off The Wall

Sexting scandal inspires Anthony Weiner doll

NEW YORK (AP)—An online action figure company has jumped on the Anthony Weiner sexting scandal bandwagon with a doll of the New York congressman in two versions: censored and uncensored.

HeroBuilders.com of Oxford. Conn., is offering the "standard" doll for \$39.95 and the anatomically correct "for adults only" version for

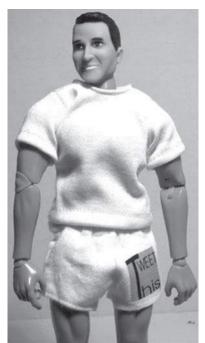
Both are dressed in a gym shirt and shorts with a label that reads "Tweet This."

Weiner has acknowledged exchanging messages and photos that ranged from sexually suggestive to explicit with several women online.

Congress on Monday approved a two-week leave of absence for Weiner while he seeks

The action figure company also makes a plastic Sarah Palin, Barack and Michelle Obama and other talk-of-the-town figures.

Obama on Monday said he'd resign if he were in Weiner's shoes.



This photo released Tuesday, June 14, 2011, by HeroBuilders. com, shows a doll in the likeness of Rep. Anthony Weiner being sold by the Oxford. Conn., company.

NY court says strip club's lap dances are taxable

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Getting a lap dance isn't the same as taking in a ballet, so an alcohol-free strip club will have to pay the tax man, a New York state court has ruled

Four Appellate Division justices agreed with a state tax appeals commission's earlier finding that dances onstage or in private rooms at the club Nite Moves in suburban Albany don't qualify for a state tax exemption as "dramatic or musical arts performances."

Nite Moves contested a tax bill of nearly \$125,000 plus interest on lap dances and admission fees stemming from a 2005 audit. Its attorney, W. Andrew

McCullough said Friday the club has a later, larger bill it is also challenging, and that he would probably appeal the Appellate Division ruling.

McCullough said the impact of the ruling probably won't be widespread since most establishments featuring exotic dancers as entertainment are bars mainly selling alcohol where other tax rules apply.

"We admit the ballet is a little different and maybe a little more finely tuned," McCullough said.

Still, the club tried to bolster its artistic argument with testimony from a cultural anthropologist who has studied exotic dance and visited Nite Moves,

and who said the lap dances should be considered choreographed performances.

The court said it agreed with the state Tax Appeals Tribunal's determination that Nite Moves didn't present sufficient proof that it deserves a tax exemption. The court noted that the club's dancers aren't even required to have formal dance training, "and, in lieu thereof, often rely upon videos or suggestions from other dancers to learn their craft."

"It was purely and absolutely a value judgment," McCullough said, citing First Amendment issues about free expression and adult entertainment.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Ore. man who quit college in 1932 graduates at 99

BEND, Ore. (AP)—An Oregon man who dropped out of college just short of graduation in 1932 has earned his degree at age 99. KTVZ-TV in Bend reports that Leo Plass, of Redmond, received his diploma a few days ago from Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. Plass says he was less than one semester away from graduating from what was then called Eastern Oregon Normal School and starting a career as a teacher. But Plass says it was the Depression, and a teaching salary of \$80 a month wouldn't cut it. So when a friend offered him a spot in a logging outfit at \$150 a month, Plass says he couldn't pass it up.

Cops: Masked men hold up doughnut shop, get dough

HYANNIS, Mass. (AP)—Police say masked and armed men in Cape Cod thought they were nabbing a bag of dough. They did—just not the kind they wanted. Three Hyannis men are facing armed robbery while masked charges after police say

they robbed a Dunkin' Donuts with knives and a hatchet on Wednesday and only ended up with a bag of doughnuts. According to police, the men demanded a paper bag that was in one of the worker's purses, mistakenly believing she was carrying cash from the day's receipts. But police say the men never looked inside. The men were captured on video and police were able to track them down on Thursday. Arrested were 19-year-old Nicholas Mercurio, 21-year-old Lukas Peterson and 20-year-old Charles Iliffe. It was unclear if any had attorneys.

Pa. school district turns lawn care over to sheep

CARLISLE, Pa. (AP)—A central Pennsylvania school has a woolly plan to keep its grass neatly trimmed. The Carlisle Area School District says it can save up to \$15,000 a year by turning over some landscaping chores to sheep. The Patriot-News of Harrisburg reports the district is using the sheep to keep the grass near its solar panels neatly trimmed. The sheep nibble grass in the morning and take refuge in the shade of the

panels in the afternoon. With the food already on hand, the district need only supply the sheep with water. A middle school assistant principal is providing the sheep. Eric Sands says he's still trying to figure out exactly how many sheep he needs to use to keep the area clear.

Monster matzo marks kosher bakery opening in NJ

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)— They're calling it the monster matzo. Kosher products maker Manischewitz rolled it out Tuesday to celebrate the opening of its new corporate headquarters and manufacturing plant in Newark. The enormous piece of unleavened bread measured 25 feet 1 inch long and 41 1/2 inches wide and weighed about 25 pounds. That's the equivalent of more than 330 regular matzos. A chief rabbi from Israel offered a blessing before the matzo was divvied up and distributed to guests at the event. The Manischewitz Company is the world leader in matzo production. It also was celebrating the opening of a 200,000 squarefoot warehouse in Mount Olive.

WORLD BRIEFS

Governor's bodyguards found mutilated in Mexico

MONTERREY. Mexico (AP)—Police on Wednesday found the dismembered bodies of two bodyguards who worked for the governor of the Mexican state of Nuevo Leon, the site of a violent turf war between drug cartels. Authorities believe Gov. Rodrigo Medina's bodyguards were killed by a drug cartel. A message left near the bodies accused Medina of favoring a rival drug organization. Medina confirmed that the victims were part of his security detail and called the killings "cowardly." He told local media later that "no message, no threat will make us stop in this fight" against organized crime.

Dozens dead in new front between northsouth Sudan

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)— A U.N. humanitarian report and aid workers caught in the day an increase in violence in a new front near the already tense internal border between north and south Sudan, with dozens of people reported killed in attacks. The violence in South Kordofan has killed at least 25 people, a U.N. humanitarian report said, though it said local sources indicated that up to 64 people had been killed. The north also bombed an airstrip, preventing the movement of food aid and humanitarian workers.

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Science & Technology

Study: Risky online behavior common

NEW YORK (AP)—Big companies such as Citigroup and Sony have been the targets of major hacking attacks. Yet a new survey finds that regular people are also prime and often unsuspecting targets.

Parents and their teenage children regularly engage in risky online behavior, according to the survey of U.S. Internet users commissioned by computer security company GFI Software.

More than half of the parents whose home computers have been infected with a virus said this has happened more than once. And while 89 percent of parents said they have antivirus software on their computers, a quarter of them said they don't know if they update it. Without updates, antivirus software is useless against the latest malicious attacks.

Of the teens who responded, 24 percent said they have visited a website meant for adults. More than half who do so said they lied about their age to get into the sites. Such sites are often designed to spread malicious software, which can infect the computers of people who visit.

"Given the potential ramifications of improper Internet use today, it would seem to merit at least the same degree of educational vigilance as other lifestyle risk categories like sex, drugs and alcohol," the report said.

The survey of 1,070 adults and their teenage children was conducted March 22 to April 5, 2011 and had a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Among the survey's other findings:

■ 11 percent of teens said they have been bullied online or by

text messages. More girls reported being bullied than boys.

- 79 percent of teens said they own a mobile phone. Of this group, 29 percent said they own a smartphone.
- ■76 percent of parents and 77 percent of teenagers said they are very confident or somewhat confident that their computers won't be infected by a virus.
- 65 percent of parents said their home computers have been infected.
- More than half of the households said both the parent and the teen had a Facebook account. Of these, 87 percent were "friends" with each other on the site.
- ■83 percent of teenagers with Facebook accounts indicated that they understand how to use privacy settings, so they may hide content from their parents.

In Celebration of her New Life †La Donna Delos Reyes DeMent Lovingly known as Nanang Born on August 7, 1955 and was called to her eternal rest on Tuesday May 31, 2011, 10:30pm at Yuma Regional Hospital, Yuma Arizona at the age of 55. In Her New Life she now joins her; Father: †Jose Manahane Delos Reyes Mother: †Rosa Aguon Delos Reyes "Nanang" is survived by her; Husband: Stoney DeMent (Arizona) Children: Jeffrey and Keilani S. Reyes (Guam) - Keith, Jasmine, Kaine, Keanue, Jade, Jordan, Kevai, Journey, Jayden, Kayden, Joss. Karlene K. Martinez and Brian A. Martinez (Mississippi) -Kaitlyn, Madison. Michael A. DeMent and Laura Iloilo (Arizona) – Ethan Darrell R. DeMent (Arizona) Brothers: Francisco Reyes and Family Vicente Reyes and Family Antonio Reyes and Family Joseph Reyes and Family Luis Reyes and Family Brother-in-Laws: Michael Edward DeMent (Guam) William Robert DeMent (Hawaii) Steven Gifford (California) Chris Gifford (California) Toni Fraze (Oregon) Sister-in-Law: She will also be missed by her numerous cousins, nieces, nephews & friends.

Daily Mass is being said at 6:00am at Mount Carmel Church in chalan Kanoa. Her remains

were cremated and her ashes will be in Saipan on June 19, 2011. Memorial Services on Saipan

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase Ginen I Familia

will be held on June 20, 2011 at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00am.

TECHNOLOGY BRIEFS

Report: Facebook users more trusting, engaged

NEW YORK (AP)—A new survey is countering views that social networks isolate people. According to the study from the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project, Facebook users are more trusting, have more close friends and get more social support than their non-networked counterparts. The survey released Thursday found that, when all else is equal, people who use Facebook have 9 percent more close ties in their overall social network than other Internet users. Facebook users are also more politically engaged than people who are not on Facebook, says the survey, conducted among 2,255 adults from Oct. 20 to Nov. 28, 2010. Social networks are more prevalent than ever. Of U.S. Internet users, 59 percent use at least one social network. That's up from 34 percent in 2008.

Dolby sues Blackberry maker RIM over patents

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)-Dolby International, a unit of audio equipment maker Dolby Laboratories Inc., is suing Research In Motion Ltd. for patent infringement in the U.S. and Germany. Dolby alleges that RIM's Blackberry smartphones and Playbook tablet devices use its patented digital audio compression technology, which enables the playback of high-quality audio files using limited amounts of storage space, without a license. Dolby, based in San Francisco, filed its lawsuits in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California and in the District Court of Mannheim in Mannheim, Germany. The company is seeking financial damages and an injunction to halt the sale of RIM's products.

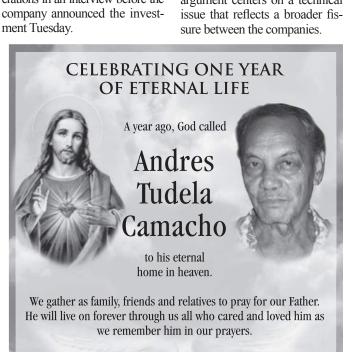
Google invests \$280 million to spur home solar

NEW YORK (AP)—Google is making its largest investment yet in clean energy in an effort to help

private homeowners put solar panels on their rooftops. The \$280 million deal with installer SolarCity is the largest of its kind. SolarCity can use the funds to pay for a solar system that it can offer to residents for no money down. In exchange, customers agree to pay a set price for the power produced by the panels. Google earns a return on its investment by charging SolarCity interest to use its money and reaping the benefits of federal and local renewable energy tax credits. "It allows us to put our capital to work in a way that is very important to the founders and to Google, and we found a good business model to support," said Joel Conkling of Google's Green Business Operations in an interview before the company announced the invest-

HP sues Oracle as tech big shots' animosity grows

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Hewlett-Packard Co. has sued its friend-turned-foe Oracle Corp. in another sign of how badly the relationship between the information technology big shots has frayed. The lawsuit, filed Wednesday in Santa Clara County Superior Court, accuses Oracle of behaving illegally in deciding that future versions of its database software won't support a particular line of HP servers. Those servers use a chip called Itanium that Oracle insists is being phased out, a claim the chip's maker, Intel Corp., denies. The argument centers on a technical

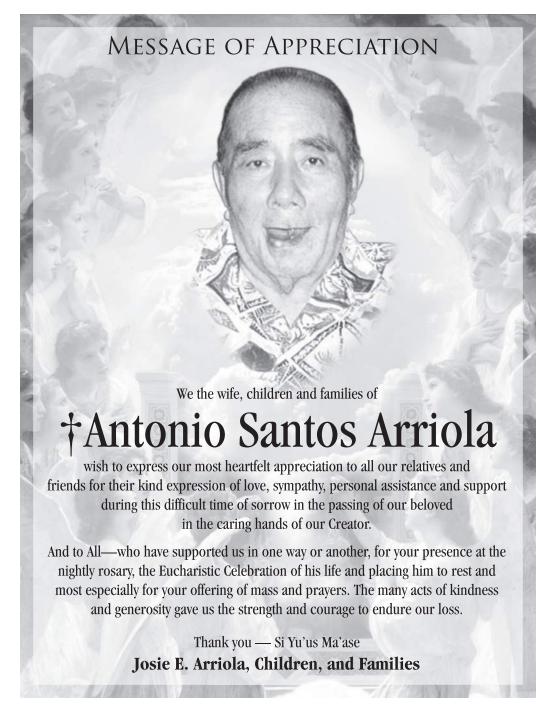


And so, we the family, respectfully begin the nine (9) days of daily Mass at 6:00 p.m., beginning on Monday, June 13, 2011 through Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at the Santa Soledad Church in Kagman.

On the final day, Tuesday, June 21, 2011, the family would like to extend their invitation for dinner immediately after the Mass at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Joe P. and Judi C. Fujihira on Ates Drive, Kagman II.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase ginen I familia.



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Life & Style

Polo, glamour and charity for Wills and Kate in LA

LONDON (AP)—Prince William and the former Kate Middleton plan to combine red-carpet glamour with serious charity work during a trip to California next month, palace officials said Wednesday.

The three-day visit to the Los Angeles area will be Middleton's first visit to the United States. It will follow a longer trip to Canada where the royal couple, now known as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, will celebrate Canada's national day in the capital, visit the remote Northwest Territories and open the Calgary Stampede.

Jamie Private secretary Lowther-Pinkerton said the duke and duchess will attend a black-tie dinner at LA's renovated Belasco Theater to introduce young British film talent to Hollywood executives on July 9.

He said the guest list for the red carpet event is still being worked out.

"The goal is not to meet celebrities, the goal is to connect young British talent with Hollywood decision makers, the people in the back room who put the deals together," Lowther-Pinkerton said.

The British Academy of Film and Television Arts is organizing the event, called "BAFTA Brits to Watch." William serves as president of the academy.

Earlier that day, William will play at a charity polo match in Santa Barbara, with Middleton scheduled to award the trophy to the winning team.

Officials said Middleton, whose fashion choices have been widely praised since she took up her official duties, would not bring a special "dresser" on the trip but would rely on an administrative assistant to help with her clothes and provide other kinds of help on her first royal tour.

A hairdresser will be part of the entourage, officials said.

In addition, Lowther-Pinkerton said that announced plans to hire a housekeeper and dresser in London had been dropped because



Britain's Prince William and his wife the Duchess of Cambridge talk with the Dean of Windsor, Reverend David Conner, right, as they leave with other members of the royal family after a Church Service to mark the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II's husband Prince Philip in Windsor, west of London, Sunday June 12, 2011.

the household workers are not needed while the couple's primary base is in Anglesey, Wales, where William serves as a Royal Air Force helicopter rescue pilot.

"That's been put on hold," he said. "It's not needed in the next

couple of years."

While in Los Angeles, William and his bride will attend a private reception hosted by Tusk, an African conservation charity of which the prince is a patron, to highlight the group's

community development work on the continent. The duo will have the chance to meet a number of philanthropists and donors who are committed to support the work of the charity, Tusk said in a statement.

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Oscars to allow 5 to 10 best picture nominees By JAKE COYLE AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

This position is located in the Clerk's Office of the U.S. District Court, in Saipan. Putting an emphasis on quality rather than quantity, the Academy Awards shook up the best picture category again.

nounced late Tuesday night that it had approved a change in the nomination process that will allow between five and 10 best picture nominees. On the recommendation of its Board of Governors, the number of the category's nominees will be dictated by the voting.

The Academy of Motion

Picture Arts and Sciences an-

A film will need a minimum of 5 percent first-place votes to be nominated for best picture.

The Academy said the change came after analyzing the voting that honor in a given year, we there were 10 nominees.

from the last two years. In 2009, the Oscars expanded the best picture field from five nominees

Academy President Tom Sherak said the board also analyzed what might have happened in the last decade, had voting rules been different. Retiring Academy executive director Bruce Davis recommended the change to Sherak and incoming CEO Dawn Hudson.

"In studying the data, what stood out was that Academy members had regularly shown a strong admiration for more than five movies," said Davis. "A best picture nomination should be an indication of extraordinary merit. If there are only eight pictures that truly earn to eight, and from 1936-1943,

shouldn't feel an obligation to round out the number.'

A study by accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers found that if this system had been in place from 2001 to 2008, there would have been years that yielded five, six, seven, eight and nine nominees.

The Academy believes the new voting system will add a layer of intrigue to the Oscars. As films vie for the honor in the muchwatched Oscar race, they won't know exactly how many slots they're squeezing into until nominees are announced in January.

For most of the Academy Awards' history, there have been five best picture nominees. In 1932, the field was increased

Kennedy Center's 'Follies' to move to Broadway **WASHINGTON** (AP)—The York's Marquis Theater after it production of "Follies"

Stephen Sondheim's musical "Follies" is moving to Broadway this summer.

The center announced Wednesday that the \$7.3 million production with book by James Goldman would have a limited engagement at New

Dates, casting and ticket information for New York were not immediately announced.

The Washington production stars Bernadette Peters and is in its final week of sold-out performances.

Tony Awards, including best score. It's the story of a reunion of former showgirls on the eve of their theater's demolition.

The revival is among the Kennedy Center's most ex-The original Broadway pensive theater productions.

TV series twosome named to announce Emmy nominees

stars Melissa McCarthy and Joshua Jackson will be early risers on July 14 to announce the nominations for this year's prime-time Emmys.

McCarthy and Jackson will be up at 5:40 a.m. Pacific time

to join John Shaffner, chairman of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, to make the announcements in Los Angeles, the Academy said Wednesday.

McCarthy stars on the CBS sitcom "Mike & Molly," and is also appearing opposite Kris-

ten Wiig in the comedy feature "Bridesmaids."

Jackson is currently starring on the Fox sci-fi drama "Fringe."

The 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards telecast is scheduled to air on Fox on Sept. 18.

Judge sends Charlie Sheen's 'Men' lawsuit to arbitration

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Charlie Sheen may not get quite the audience he wanted for his \$100 million lawsuit over his firing from "Two and a Half Men"—a judge on Wednesday ruled that an arbitrator should determine whether the case is handled privately or in a public courtroom.

Sheen's contract with Warner Bros. Television has a valid clause requiring the private arbitrator to decide how the case proceeds, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Allan Goodman wrote in a 21-page ruling. The decision will likely dampen publicity about the case in the short-term, although Sheen's attorney said he will still argue the case should be heard publicly.

Sheen sued Warner Bros. and "Men" executive producer Chuck Lorre on March 10, days after Sheen was fired from his starring role on television's toprated comedy.

Goodman ruled that Lorre also has a valid clause in his contract with Warner Bros. to have disputes handled through

Warner Bros. and Lorre both want the case handled privately. Sheen opposed those efforts in court filings and an all-day hearing on the issue in April.

Attorney Marty Singer, who is representing Sheen, said the ruling does not decide whether the case will be heard privately and he will argue that it should be handled in the public court system. He said Sheen had valid claims in his lawsuit and the studio was holding back at least \$10 million in royalties on reruns and sales of the show.

Warner Bros. and Lorre's attorney welcomed the ruling Wednesday and said it was the correct one given Sheen's contract.

"This matter will now proceed in an orderly fashion as the parties agreed to," Lorre's attorney Howard Weitzman wrote in

"We're very gratified by the court's ruling enforcing the parties' arbitration agreement," Warner Bros. said in a statement.

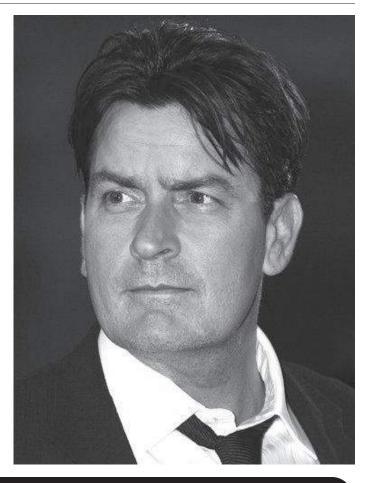
Sheen sued in March, claiming they breached his contract and halted work on "Two and a Half Men" to punish Sheen for a pair of hospitalizations and comments in which he attacked Lorre personally in a series of highly-publicized interviews. He also claimed the studio was trying to cut him out of royalties he is owed for the broadcast of reruns and DVD sales.

"Two and a Half Men," which debuted in 2003, starred Sheen as womanizing bachelor Charlie Harper, who creates an ad hoc family with his neurotic brother, the divorced Alan (Jon Cryer) and Alan's son, Jake (Angus T. Jones).

It has been television's top-rated comedy and reruns frequently air, although the long-term prospects of the show are unclear.

Goodman has asked the parties to update him on the status of arbitration by Nov. 30.

► This May 21, 2006 file photo shows actor Charlie Sheen as he arrives for the screening of the film "Platoon," at the 59th International Film Festival in Cannes,



Police arrest 2 men near home of singer Joss Stone

LONDON (AP)—Two men have been arrested near Joss Stone's home on suspicion of conspiracy to rob and murder, after reportedly being found in a car with swords, rope, a body bag and plans of the soul singer's secluded house.

Stone said in a statement that she was "absolutely fine and getting on with life as normal" as police charged the men with conspiracy to commit robbery and conspiracy to commit grievous bodily harm.

Devon and Cornwall Police said Junior Bradshaw, 30, and Kevin Liverpool, 33, both from the Manchester area of northwest England, were arrested Monday morning near Stone's house in Cullompton, 175 miles (280 kilometers) southwest of London, after residents reported a suspicious-looking vehicle.

Detective Inspector Steve Parker said the men "had in their possession information relating to an individual in the Cullompton area and items which lead us to suspect that



British singer Joss Stone is photographed after an interview, in this Oct. 20, 2008 file photo taken in New York.

they may have intended to commit a criminal offense."

The force would not confirm a report in The Sun newspaper that the men had swords, rope and a body bag, as well as maps and aerial photos of Stone's

Parker said it was "important to stress that no properties have Stewart of Eurythmics.

been burgled and no individuals have been harmed."

Two police officers stood guard Wednesday outside the gates to the house, which is on a quiet country road.

Stone's London publicists, DWL, said the singer was aware of the arrests and was being kept up to date by the police.

They would not say whether 24-year-old Stone was at home when the men were arrested.

Stone came to fame in 2003 as a small-town teenager with a big, soulful voice, showcased on her best-selling debut album "The Soul Sessions" and hit singles including "Fell In Love With A Boy."

She won a Grammy Award in 2007 in the R&B category for her collaboration with John Legend and Van Hunt on a cover of Sly and the Family Stone's "Family Affair," and is a member of rock supergroup Super Heavy with Rolling Stone Mick Jagger, reggae scion Damian Marley and Dave

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Jim Carrey, Carla Gugino Children's/family, Comedy •

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Writer/director J.J. Abrams teams with producer Steven Spielberg for this period sci-fi thriller set in the late '70s, and centering on a

mysterious train crash in a small Ohio town. Summer, 1979: a group of young friends are filming a Super-8 movie when a pickup truck derails a speeding train. When the locals start to disappear and even

the inquisitive deputy can't come up with answers, emerge that the incident was anything but an accident.

Keith Urban lets fans 'Get Closer' on next tour

Get Closer Tour is aptly named.

The country superstar will unveil a new stage design when his tour starts Thursday in Biloxi, Miss. Urban often tucks away ideas he comes up with while standing on stage in front of thousands of fans. He noticed on his last tour that when he descended ramps at each end of the stage, nearby fans were practically in the concert.

So he built a curved stage with a continuous ramp from side to side, erasing the barrier.

"I just think our audiences are there to have a good time," Urban said. "I want them to feel liberated, that they can do what-

Turns out Keith Urban's 2011 want to dance and scream and cheer, they should be able to do that and not feel like someone's going to come and tell them to sit down."

> Urban previewed his tour for reporters and a select group of a few hundred fans last week during the CMA Music Festival at Nashville's Municipal Auditorium. He showed off the stage and played a few songs in front of a video screen that flashed concert footage, artwork and video interludes with other country artists.

The Australian singer's tours are among country music's most anticipated. Pollstar figures show his Defying Gravity

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)— ever they want to do. If they Tour, which kicked off in 2009, grossed more than \$51 million with more than 763,000 tickets sold. He sold 88 percent of tickets available and averaged 10,600 attendance.

That's country gold. And to maintain that standard, Urban is working to keep his show fresh. Along with the scalloped main stage, he's got four others set up around the arena.

That includes "one that's tiny and moveable every night and it allows me to go anywhere in the arena from night to night. It's always different," he said. "The one thing with social networking and YouTube is people already know what you're doing. They've already seen the show.



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J-Lo undecided on second season on 'American Idol'

LONDON (AP)—Jennifer Lopez may come back for a second year as a judge on "American Idol." Or she may not.

"You know, this is the question of the hour. I don't know, I don't know," Lopez said Tuesday in an interview with Scott Mills of the BBC.

Lopez and another new judge, Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler, brought a gentler attitude to the top-rated show following the departure of Simon Cowell.

"I had an amazing time doing it and I loved it but I have a lot of other things happening and it's gonna come down to making a choice of really what I want to do for the next year," Lopez said.

Singer Jennifer Lopez performs on stage during the Summertime Ball at Wembley Stadium in London, Sunday June 12, 2011.



Lady Gaga's 'meat dress' goes to Rock Hall of Fame

CLEVELAND (AP)—Lady Gaga made history at last year's MTV Video Music Awards when she turned butcher's cuts into high fashion.

On Thursday, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame will unveil the singer's infamous raw-meat dress to the public. The dress—made of layers of Argentinian beef—was kept in a meat locker, placed in a vat of chemicals and then dried out by taxidermists in California before being trans-

ported to the museum.

Hall of Fame spokeswoman Margaret Thresher says the dress took on a "dark, beef-jerky" look while dehydrating, so it was painted to look "fresh" afterwards. The entire process took several months to complete.

The dress is being displayed as part of the "Women Who Rock: Vision, Passion, Power" exhibit, which runs until February 2012.



In this photo taken June 14, 2011, the dress made of meat worn by Lady Gaga at the 2010 MTV Video Music Awards is shown in the museum's vault.

Sophia Loren dubs 'Cars 2' mamma

ROME (AP)—Sophia Loren says she has used her "thick Neapolitan accent" voice to dub a character in "Cars 2" for the sake of her grandchildren and the late Walt Disney.

Loren has lent her voice to Mama Topolino's (Mamma Mickey Mouse) lines in the Disney sequel that opens next week in Italy.

The actress said Wednesday that she did her first-ever dubbing for an animated film for her grandchildren, as well as for Disney. Loren said she hopes her three grandkids will now say that Mama Topolino is grandma.

"Who knows? Maybe watching 'Cars 2' they'll recognize Loren said.

the voice of their grandmother," Loren said in a brief interview on Italian state TV.

Loren's voice will be featured in the film in 21 countries, "or at least that's what they tell me," she told her interviewer with a laugh.

The 76-year-old Loren, looking sharp in a trim, white pantsuit, said at a separate photo call to promote the film that years ago she had an "unforgettable" meeting with Walt Disney. She did not elaborate.

Should there be a "Cars 3" would she consider being Mama Topolino's voice again? "If Mama Topolino becomes an important character, why not?" Loren said.

Spelling mansion sold to British heiress

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The massive Los Angeles mansion built by the late television magnate Aaron Spelling is under contract to be sold to a British heiress.

Beverly Hills real estate brokerage firm Hilton & Hyland on Wednesday confirmed the sale to 22-year-old Petra Ecclestone.

The home had been listed for two years at \$150 million. The brokerage firm wouldn't confirm

The heir of sports of sports of Ecclestone.

the sale price until after it closes in July. But the firm did say the sale will earn the highest price ever achieved in California.

The home, called The Manor, was built in 1990 and is the largest residence in Southern California. It is situated on 4.7 acres in the exclusive Holmby Hills area of Los Angeles.

The heiress is the daughter of sports entrepreneur Bernie Ecclestone.

Bristol Palin puts Arizona house up for rent

PHOENIX (AP)—Bristol Palin didn't stay too long in her house 35 miles south of Phoenix in Maricopa. A real estate agent has confirmed the daughter of possible presidential candidate Sarah Palin is renting out the 4,000 square foot house.

Nate Martinez with RE/MAX Professionals says the five-bedroom home went on the market this week. She's asking \$1,400 a month for the home she bought

last year for \$172,000.

Bristol Palin will be back on TV by the end of the year, starring in a reality series for the Bio Channel. The as-yet-untitled series will follow her move from Alaska to Los Angeles with her son, Tripp, to work at a small charity. She will live with actor brothers Kyle and Christopher Massey.

The Arizona Republic first reported that Palin had put her home up for rent.

Guitarist is unhappy dancing to his band mates' tune

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I'm a guitarist in a rock band that has been performing in the San Francisco Bay area for five years. Because my onagain, off-again girlfriend, "Robin," didn't get along with my band mates, I found myself often caught in the middle. Her dislike of the band scene distanced me from the other members of the band and resulted in my not hanging out with



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them like I used to. Mounting pressures from both sides caused my breakup with Robin, someone I cared about and loved deeply.

The split resolved the problem with the band, but now they are asking me for reassurance that I won't date anyone in the future who will have a negative impact on the band. I made a big personal sacrifice for them, and I think it's insulting and insensitive to demand reassurance that history won't repeat itself. I have told them I'm ready to move forward with no more obstacles. Abby, please advise.

DISSONANT CHORD IN THE COMPOSITION

DEAR DISSONANT CHORD: You may be a "dissonant chord," but your band mates' demand strikes a sour note with me. While a career in music—particularly if you get lucky and spend a lot of time touring—is undeniably demanding, your partners in this business should not have the right to dictate your personal life. You gave 'em an inch, and now they expect a mile.

If you're prepared to have them dictate your life for as long as the band lasts, then keep on strumming and keep your promise. But I predict that at some point you are going to have to draw the line. Have another gig lined up when you do.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a gay man in a bad situation. My boyfriend, "Kyle," is bipolar/schizophrenic. Sometimes he can be violent. Much of our time together is spent taking care of him. I work; he doesn't.

We are both college students and I believe, regardless of what I have been through, I have a bright future ahead of me. Kyle is verbally and physically abusive at times, and yes, I end up hurt most of those times. I have convinced myself that it's my fault because I make him mad when he is under stress or he is manic. He breaks up with me every week and then tells me he loves me, then turns around and says he hates me.

Abby, all I want to do is love him and help him. I don't know what he wants or what will make him happy. I need to know if I should stick with Kyle or give up.

HOPELESSLY DEVOTED IN JERSEY CITY, N.J.

DEAR HOPELESSLY DEVOTED: Healthy, loving relationships are based on a relatively even give-and-take between partners. You may want to help Kyle, but you are not qualified to do so.

Because you say your situation is a "bad" one, and your boyfriend is verbally abusive and hurts you physically as well as emotionally, I am advising you to find out from a mental health professional why you would subject yourself to the emotional roller coaster ride that you have. If you do, this will happen to you less often in the future. Also, the counselor can help you decide whether this relationship is salvageable.

DEAR ABBY: After moving out of your parents' home, is one expected to knock on the door when visiting, or is it OK to just open the door and walk in?

HEY MOM, I'M HOME!

DEAR "HEY MOM!": The considerate thing to do would be to knock, which would prevent any embarrassing surprises.

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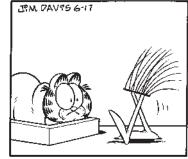
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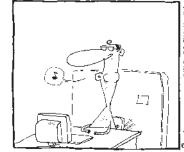
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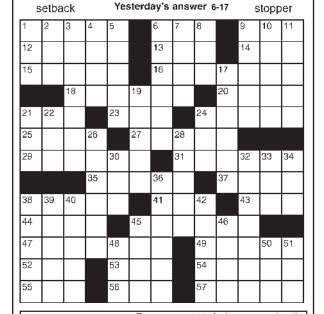






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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll have plenty of good ideas that will attract attention and assistance. Your success will be dependent on not allowing personal or emotional issues to cloud your vision or distract you from finishing what you start. 🗪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Letting others know where you stand and what you are trying to achieve will allow you greater freedom to move ahead. You can add to your resources and the number of people upon

whom you can rely to get ahead. ••••• **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Choose the best people with whom to surround yourself in order to reach your goals. Love is in the stars but not everyone who interests you will have honorable intentions. A money making

deal may need a little strong arming to get what you want. 🛇 🗘 CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let

someone's negative response or actions get you down. Look on the bright side of any situation you face. Be open to suggestions and recognize what you are capable of doing on your own. 🛇 😂 🔾

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Participating in a cause you believe in will lead to all sorts of romantic possibilities if you are single. If you are involved with someone, invite him or her along and it will enhance your relationship. You'll be enticed by an offer. OOO

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Red Sox's Beckett tosses 1-hitter against Rays



ST. PETERS-BURG, Florida (AP)—

Pitcher Josh Beckett allowed only an infield single in the third inning by Reid Brignac as the Boston Red Sox blanked the Tampa Bay Rays 3-0 on Wednesday.

Kevin Youkilis hit a threerun homer and that was plenty for Beckett (6-2).

Beckett struck out six, walked none and retired the last 19 batters. Brignac set down eight straight batters before Brignac hit a slow roller up the third-base line and easily beat Youkilis' throw.

Youkilis homered off Jeremy Hellickson (7-5) in the seventh, ending the rookie right-hander's streak of consecutive innings without allowing a run at home at 24.

Yankees 12, Rangers 4

At New York, Mark Teixeira hit two-run homers from each side of the plate as New York connected five times to romp past Texas.

Robinson Cano and youngsters Eduardo Nunez and Ramiro Pena homered as New York handed Texas its seasonhigh fourth straight loss. Cano also connected Tuesday night when the Yankees routed the AL champion Rangers by the exact same score.

Teixeira homered from the right side in the first after Ivan Nova (6-4) gave up two quick runs to Texas. The Yankees first baseman tied Chili Davis and Eddie Murray for most times homering from both sides of the plate all-time with 11.

Blue Jays 4, Orioles 1

At Toronto, Ricky Romero struck out 12 batters and gave up three hits in eight-plus innings as Toronto beat Baltimore for the 16th straight time at the Rogers Centre.

Adam Lind, Yunel Escobar and Juan Rivera each hit home runs.

Romero (6-6) matched his career high for strikeouts. He was charged with an earned run after Matt Wieters hit an RBI single off reliever Frank Francisco in the bottom of the ninth.

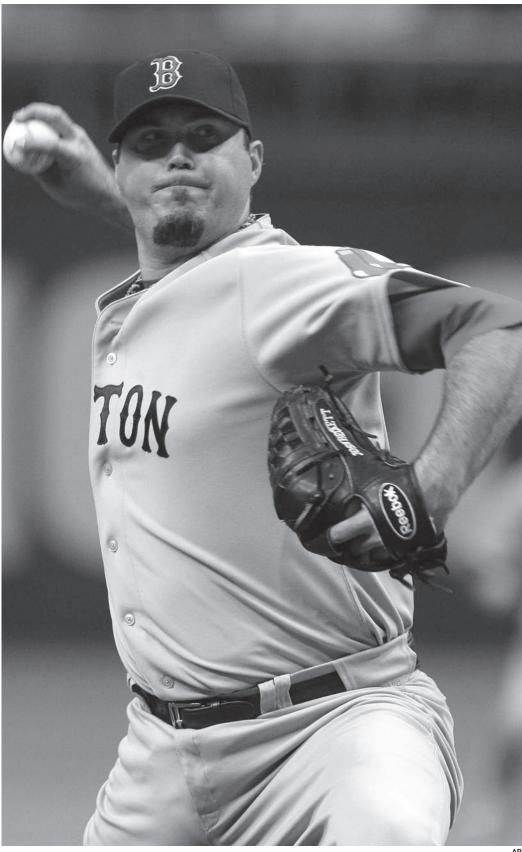
Indians 6, Tigers 4

At Detroit, Orlando Cabrera had three hits, including a go-ahead double in the fifth inning as Cleveland beat Detroit.

Cleveland (36-30) pulled back ahead of Detroit (37-31) at the top of the AL Central by a percentage point.

The Indians entered having lost 15 of 20, but they broke through with four runs in the fourth inning after not scoring more than one in any of their previous four games.

Fausto Carmona (4-8) pitched five innings, allowing four runs on eight hits. Cleveland's bullpen then held Detroit hitless, and Chris Perez pitched



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Josh Beckett delivers to the Tampa Bay Rays during the first inning of a baseball game on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

the ninth for his 17th save.

Twins 4, White Sox 1

At Minneapolis, Carl Pavano kept up his recent surge with a six-hitter for Minnesota in a victory over Chicago.

Pavano (4-5) walked three, struck out five and recorded six one-pitch outs against the free-swinging White Sox, who had won nine of their previous 13 games. The right-hander is 2-0 with a 1.44 ERA over his last three starts, and the Twins have won 10 of their last 12 games.

Delmon Young's two-run single capped a three-run second inning against Gavin Floyd (6-6), who also went the distance and allowed 11 hits.

Athletics 2, Royals 1

At Oakland, California, Josh Outman allowed four hits over seven innings as Oakland gave new manager Bob Melvin his first home victory by beating Kansas City. Cliff Pennington and Daric Barton had RBI singles off starter Luke Hochevar (4-7), who took a no-hit bid into the sixth inning before it all fell apart.

The scuffling A's had lost three straight and 13 of 14 in a streak that began under Bob Geren. Melvin improved to 2-4 since taking over for the fired Geren.

Mariners 3, Angels 1

At Seattle, Carlos Peguero's twoout groundball in the seventh inning ricocheted off second base, over the head of Angels shortstop Erick Aybar and into center field to score a pair and help give Seattle a win over Los Angeles.

Erik Bedard (4-4) threw seven shutout innings and Seattle salvaged the finale of the threegame series.

Seattle loaded the bases against Ervin Santana (3-7) on a double by Chone Figgins and intentional walks to Ichiro Suzuki and Justin Smoak. On the

seventh pitch, Peguero dribbled his grounder back up the middle for a two-run single that broke a scoreless tie.

Brandon League pitched the ninth for his AL-leading 19th save in 22 chances.

Phils 5, Marlins 4

At Philadelphia, Carlos Ruiz's RBI single to center with two outs in the 10th inning gave the Philadelphia Phillies a comeback victory over the Florida Marlins and a sweep of a doubleheader.

Ryan Howard was hit by reliever Mike Dunn's first pitch of the 10th. Two outs later, Domonic Brown walked and Ruiz laced an 0-1 pitch from Dunn (4-5) past diving shortstop Hanley Ramirez to score Howard and extend the Phillies' winning streak to six games.

The Phillies scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth on a single by Shane Victorino to tie it.

Ryan Madson (3-1) pitched a scoreless 10th for the Phillies,

who have won nine of 11. The Marlins had two on with two outs in the 10th, but Madson struck out Mike Stanton.

In the opener, Jimmy Rollins hit a three-run homer and Wilson Valdez had a three-RBI triple for Philadelphia in an 8-1 win.

Kyle Kendrick (4-4) allowed one run and five hits over seven innings in the first game.

Reds 7, Dodgers 2

At Los Angeles, Scott Rolen had three hits and drove in three runs to lead Cincinnati to its first threegame sweep of Los Angeles since 2004.

Rolen hit two RBI doubles and added a run-scoring single. Ryan Hanigan and Fred Lewis both drove in two runs.

The Dodgers dropped a season-high eight games under .500. This was the first time they were swept in a three-game series at home since June 12-13, 2010, by the Angels.

Travis Wood (5-4) allowed one run, five hits and five walks over six innings.

Rockies 6, Padres 3

At Denver, Jhoulys Chacin scattered three hits over six innings and Seth Smith hit a tiebreaking single as part of a five-run sixth to lift Colorado over San Diego.

Chacin (8-4) gave up a solo homer to Rob Johnson, as he lowered his ERA to 2.81. He had seven strikeouts and walked two to pick up his third straight win.

The Rockies had seven singles in the sixth inning, including five straight. Smith, Ty Wigginton and Charlie Blackmon all had RBI singles, while pinch-hitter Ryan Spilborghs added a two-run base hit up the middle.

The seven hits equals a season high for an inning and allowed the Rockies to take two of three in the series.

Chris Denorfia drove in two runs for San Diego, including a two-out RBI single in the ninth.

Nationals 10, Cardinals 0

At Washington, Livan Hernandez pitched a three-hitter, and Michael Morse homered twice and doubled to lead Washington past St. Louis to its fifth straight win.

Albert Pujols made two errors at third base, leading to two unearned runs, as the Cardinals lost their season-worst fifth in a row.

Jayson Werth and Danny Espinosa homered and Ryan Zimmerman had his second RBI in as many nights since returning from the disabled list. Morse drove in three runs and has 11 homers in his last 36 games.

Hernandez (4-8) struck out six and walked none in the ninth shutout of his 16-season career. Jon Jay was the only St. Louis hitter to reach second base, doubling in the fifth.

Mets 4, Braves O

At Atlanta, Dillon Gee combined with three relievers for a two-hit shutout and Angel Pagan hit a two-run homer as New York blanked Atlanta.

Gee gave up one hit in four innings but did not return following a rain delay of 1 hour, 11 minutes. The delay cost Gee, who is 7-0, a chance to become the first Mets rookie to win his first eight decisions.

The Mets have won nine of 13, including the first two games of the series.

The left-handed hitting Pagan pulled a two-run homer off Tim Hudson in the fourth.

Brewers 9, Cubs 5

At Chicago, Rickie Weeks homered and doubled twice as Milwaukee took sole possession of the NL Central lead.

Milwaukee moved one game ahead of St. Louis in the division on a night when heavy rain delayed the start by 1 hour, 42 minutes.

Ryan Braun doubled twice, singled and scored three runs for the Brewers. Corey Hart also had three hits. Hart, Casey McGehee, Yuniesky Betancourt and Jonathan Lucroy each drove in two runs

After wasting terrific starts by Randy Wolf and Yovani Gallardo while losing the first two games of this series by one run, Milwaukee overcame a shaky effort by Chris Narveson (4-4).

Pirates 7, Astros 3

At Houston, pinch-hitter Xavier Paul doubled, then stayed in the game and hit a two-run homer and a single as Pittsburgh moved over 500

At 34-33, this is the first time the Pirates have been over the break-even point so late in a season since Aug. 15, 1999, when they were 59-58.

Neil Walker tripled and drove in three runs for the Pirates.

Paul batted for starter Charlie Morton (7-3) in the sixth and doubled to start a three-run burst that put Pittsburgh ahead 5-3. Paul went to play right and connected the next inning for his first home run of the season and second of his career.

Giants 5, Diamondbacks 2

At Phoenix, San Francisco's Madison Bumgarner went six innings and got enough run support in San Francisco's win over Arizona.

Bill Hall singled home the goahead run in the sixth with his first hit since joining the Giants four days ago and later doubled. The Giants beat Arizona for the fifth straight time.

Willie Bloomquist and Chris Young hit solo homers, ending Bumgarner's 10-start string without allowing a homer. The 21-year-old lefty entered the game with the fifth-worst support in the majors (2.65 runs per game).

Boston Bruins win Stanley Cup, beat Vancouver



VER, British Columbia (AP)—While the Boston Bruins beelined

across the ice to mob him at the buzzer, Tim Thomas tapped both goalposts, sank to his knees and rubbed the ice in front of his empty goal.

Thomas drew a virtual line in his crease throughout these crazy, contentious Stanley Cup finals, and Boston's brilliant goalie just wouldn't allow the Vancouver Canucks to cross it whenever it really mattered.

After 39 years without a championship, the Bruins ripped the Cup—and several thousand hearts-out of a Canadian city that has waited four decades itself for one sip.

Thomas was just too good, and the Bruins are the NHL's

The Cup is headed back to the Hub of Hockey.

The 37-year-old Thomas made 37 saves in the second shutout of his landmark finals performance, Patrice Bergeron and rookie Brad Marchand scored two goals apiece, and the Bruins beat the Canucks 4-0 Wednesday night to win their first NHL championship since 1972.

"I think I went even further than I thought," Thomas said. "I never envisioned three Game 7s in one playoff season and still being able to come out on top. ... I was scared, I won't lie. I had nerves yesterday and today, and I faked it as best as I could, and I faked it all the way to the Stanley Cup."

Nice try, Tim. There's nothing fake about Thomas, who limited the NHL's highest-scoring team to eight goals in the seven-game finals, blanking Vancouver in two of the last four.

The oldest Conn Smythe Trophy winner in NHL history stopped 201 of the Canucks' 209 shots in the finals.

"If I was going to do it any way, it would have to be the hardest way possible," said Thomas, who played overseas and in the minors before finally getting his NHL break in 2005. "Three Game 7s in the playoffs, and to have to win it on the road in the final."

The Bruins' postgame celebration centered around Thomas, who carried them through long stretches of a perilous postseason that began with two home losses to Montreal. The Bruins are the first team in NHL history to win a Game 7 three times in the same postseason, and Thomas posted shutouts in the decisive game of the Eastern Conference finals and the Stanley Cup finals.

Bergeron quieted the crowd with the first goal, scoring the eventual game-winner in the first period. He added a shorthanded score in the second to keep the Cup away from the Ca-



Boston Bruins players celebrate after defeating the Vancouver Canucks, 4-0, in Game 7 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup finals in Vancouver, British Columbia, Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

nucks, who have never won it in nearly 41 years of existence.

"We got the first goal, and we knew that would be important coming here," said 43-year-old Mark Recchi, who plans to retire after winning the Stanley Cup with his third franchise. "If they got any chances, Timmy was there, and it was just scary how good he was."

Zdeno Chara, the Bruins' 6-foot-9 captain, nearly slipped under the Stanley Cup's weight when he skated away from Commissioner Gary Bettman. And the shiny silver trophy eventually got a lift from Nathan Horton, the injured Boston forward whose Game 3 concussion on a late hit irrevocably swung the series' momentum to Boston.

Horton traveled to Vancouver for Game 7 and worked to give the Bruins a home-ice advantage, pouring a bottle of Boston water onto the ice in front of the Bruins' bench 90 minutes before warmups.

"I was just trying to get some Garden ice here and make it our ice." Horton said. "I was trying to be sneaky about it."

Luckily for the Bruins, their goalie is cooler than ice. Boston dropped the first two games in Vancouver, but became just the third team since 1966 to overcome that finals deficit.

"Their goaltender was real tough to beat," Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault said. "The way they played in front of him was real tough to beat. We had some Grade A chances, and we were unable to score."

Thomas thoroughly out-

played and outclassed his Vancouver counterpart: Star goalie Roberto Luongo gave up 18 goals in the last five games of the finals. Despite a pregame walk on the Vancouver seawall in his special mind-clearing ritual, the enigmatic netminder capped a brutally inconsistent series by allowing Bergeron's crushing short-handed goal to slip underneath him late in the second period.

"We're devastated as a team," Luongo said. "We worked all year to get to this point. To fall short like that is a tough one to take ... but we're a good team, and we'll be back."

Game 7 was another heartbreak for the Canucks, who still have never raised the Cup, and their stunned fans, who stayed by the thousands just to get a glimpse of the trophy. A Canadian club still hasn't won the Stanley Cup since 1993.

Mark Messier and the New York Rangers won Game 7 in Vancouver's last finals appearance in 1994. This time, Thomas silenced the Canucks' highoctane offense, erased nearly four decades of Bruins playoff blunders and crushed an entire Canadian city desperate to take the Stanley Cup across town to Stanley Park.

"Anybody in our situation right now would feel real disappointed, whether you're the favorite or not," Vigneault said. "We battled real hard. We gave it our best shot. This one game, they were the better team. It's that simple."

Bergeron added a Stanley

Cup ring to his gold medals from the Olympics and the world championships with his biggest game of a quiet series. He scored his first goal of the finals late in the first period on a shot Luongo saw too late, and Marchand added his 10th goal of the postseason in the second before Bergeron's short-handed goal.

"What a feeling this is," Recchi said. "What a great group of guys. No matter what happened tonight, this is one of the best groups of guys I've played with."

During a two-week Stanley Cup finals that ranks among the NHL's weirdest in recent years, the only predictable aspect had been the home teams' dominance. Vancouver eked out three one-goal victories at home, while the Bruins won three blowouts in Boston.

"All the physical work we'd done throughout the whole series added up," Thomas said. "Being the last series, we didn't save anything, and we used that physicality again and that was the difference."

Game 7 capped a spectacular collapse by Luongo, who backstopped Canada to Olympic gold medals on this same ice sheet a year ago. Luongo was pulled from the Canucks' last two games in Boston after giving up 15 goals on the road, and he was fatally shaky in Game 7.

Luongo praised his own positional game earlier in the series, but he didn't recover in time to stop Marchand's second-period goal. Five minutes later, he couldn't close his legs on a slowly sliding puck on Bergeron's goal—the seventh ruly. Parked cars were set on allowed by Luongo on the last 21 shots he faced dating back to Game 4.

But Luongo wasn't alone in deserving Vancouver's blame: The Sedin twins are the NHL's last two scoring champions, but they capped a disastrous finals by being on the ice for all four of Boston's goals. Captain Henrik Sedin, last season's MVP, scored just one goal in the series, while Daniel Sedin had two goals and two assists, scoring in just two of the seven games.

Boston overcame more than the Vancouver crowd and the Presidents' Trophy-winning team to claim this Cup. Starting in the first round, when the Bruins rallied past Montreal after losing the series' first two games at home, this team has showed a resilience and tenacity that hasn't been seen much in the self-professed Hub of Hockey in four decades.

The Bruins failed in their five previous trips to the finals since Bobby Orr led them to championships in 1970 and 1972. losing every time. Remarkable players such as Cam Neely came and went without a Cup, while Ray Bourque had to go to Colorado to get his only ring 10 years ago.

Boston declined to schedule a viewing party for the game at TD Garden, worried about logistics and crowd control.

More than 100,000 Canucks fans packed downtown during Game 5, and even more were expected for the clincher. After the game, the crowd grew unfire, others were tipped over, people threw beer bottles at giant television screens and bonfires raged.

Both teams opened Game 7 at a fantastic pace. After both teams' top lines missed decent early scoring chances, Bergeron put the Bruins ahead with a one-timer in the slot on a sharp pass from Marchand, the rookie who has emerged remarkably in the finals. Luongo couldn't be blamed for his teammates' soft checking when Bergeron's shot caught the goalpost and ricocheted home.

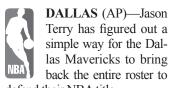
Bergeron, who won a gold medal with Canada on this same rink last year, hadn't scored a goal in Boston's last nine playoff games, including the entire finals.

Marchand hit Luongo's crossbar early in the second period, and he scored from behind the net several minutes later with ample help from the diving Luongo, who knocked the puck into the net after getting pushed by his scrambling teammate, Daniel Sedin.

Rogers Arena deflated with that score, and the Canucks' suddenly problematic power play allowed Bergeron essentially to finish them off. He got a loose puck at his blue line and outskated two Canucks toward Luongo, and the puck skittered underneath the goalie while Bergeron went to the ice.

Thomas was unflappable in the third period, and Marchand added an empty-net goal with 2:44 to play.

Mavs hope to keep Chandler, Barea to defend title



defend their NBA title. While everyone was going through their exit interviews still caught up in the thrill of the first championship for the organization and for almost everyone involved—Terry urged Dirk Nowitzki to go with him to team president Donnie Nelson's office and lobby for the immediate resigning of Tyson Chandler, Caron

"Some checks'll be bigger than others," Terry told Nowitzki, "but we've got to keep this thing intact."

Butler, J.J. Barea and the rest of

If only it was that easy.

the free agents-to-be.

Even if the Mavs wanted to keep everyone, the players would have to agree. Chandler and Barea especially raised their value this postseason and deserve to see how much they can get on the open market. Butler is a free agent for the first time, too. Backups Brian Cardinal, DeShawn Stevenson and Peja Stojakovic also might want to see if some team will offer them bigger bucks or a bigger role.

Then there's the huge obstacle of not yet knowing what the salary cap will be because the collective bargaining agreement is expiring.

"In an ideal world, we keep

DALLAS (AP)—Jason it intact and we make another Terry has figured out a run," Nelson said. "None of us knows what the market is going to be like. We're in a holding pattern."

> Everything starts with Chandler, who is likely to be near the top of the free agent crop.

He's an athletic 7-footer who plays a traditional big man's game, plus at 28 is still in the prime of his career. He's coming off both a world championship for Team USA and the NBA title, hailed as the heartand-soul leader of both clubs.

Most of all, he's healthy after several injury-marred seasons that included trades and skittish teams worried about his medical history. He appreciates that the Mavs took a chance on him and loved everything about this season.

But, business is business.

"You hate that it comes like this ... but that's how it goes," he said.

Chandler said his dad recently told him his bond with his 2010-11 teammates will last forever. He agreed, calling his teammates "my brothers."

He also said that being on another team wouldn't change

"We're all not going to be here next year. That's the reality of the situation," Chandler said. "But we'll all be connected throughout our career."

Barea wasn't as vague.

He said he wants to stay, even though he's likely to go from starting the finals to being a backup next season, and he could probably cash in and become a starter elsewhere.

Then again, it's hard to complain about the niche he has here

"I'm not going to lie, I like the role I have on this team." Barea said. "The situation I got here in Dallas and with the coach that I have and the teammates I have, I don't want to change it. So hopefully I'll be here again next year and we'll see what happens."

Butler will be a different story.

The Mays traded for him at the deadline in 2010, and he was their second-leading scorer when he had an excruciating knee injury on New Year's Day. He was hailed as the team's inspiration for the way he tried to speed his recovery to be able to play in the postseason. He was about 10 days from being ready.

It remains to be seen what the injury did to his value and whether being part of a championship team makes him want to return. The Mavs could have some leverage considering they won it all without him.

"He's part of the family," Nelson said. "That's how we'll treat all those guys.'

Stevenson is a well-traveled veteran who fell into a nice role this season. He started the first 19 playoff games, then became a key reserve once Barea took his spot. He was arrested for public intoxication Tuesday and released from jail Wednesday after posting bail, but a hiccup like that won't diminish his value to the Mays.

"His toughness, his performance on defense was great," coach Rick Carlisle said.

Stojakovic helped replace some of Butler's scoring and had some big games early in the playoffs. He faded in the conference finals and was so bad in the finals that he wound up glued to the bench.

"Even though I'm not the same player and I have to understand who I am at this point of my career, I still enjoy being

out there," Stojakovic said. "I still believe that I can have a role in this league."

Carlisle has proof.

"Before we went on one of our last trips, I sat there and watched him make 95 out of 100 3s," Carlisle said. "That's ridiculous."

Cardinal is another toughnosed defender who can hit the 3 when left open. He replaced Stojakovic in the rotation and provided several highlights in the last few games.

A self-deprecating type, he joked about his free-agent status.

"Cash in? Geez, I'm just looking to survive another year," he said. "I'd love to stay here. It's the best group of guys I've been around. Tremendous organization, the fans are unbelievable."

Again, it all comes down to that two-way street-the players have to want to return and the front-office has to invite them back. And they have to do it all within financial parameters that aren't yet set.

From management's perspective, they can offer one thing no other team can: the chance to repeat.

"Once you've sipped from that cup, there's absolutely nothing like it and you want to be back," Nelson said. "Once you've had a taste of this thing, you want to do it again and again and again."

Terry thinks it will work.

"Those guys want to be here," Terry said. "If you look in everybody's eyes, they want to do it together with this team."

NBA BRIEFS

Heat extend Chalmers a qualifying offer

MIAMI (AP)—The Miami Heat have made a qualifying offer to point guard Mario Chalmers, which means the team would have the option of matching any contract presented to him in free agency. Chalmers has said he wants to remain with the Heat. In three seasons with Miami, Chalmers has averaged 7.9 points and 3.7 assists during regular-season play, 8.1 points and 2.7 assists in playoff games. He was Miami's fourth-leading

scorer in the NBA finals, which the Heat lost to the Dallas Mavericks in six games. Chalmers averaged 11.8 points during the finals, leading Miami with 14 makes from 3-point range.

Rubio says he's talking with Barca about future

BILBAO, Spain (AP)-Minnesota Timberwolves draft pick Ricky Rubio says he is talking with Spanish club Barcelona about his future. Rubio said "we are taking with Barcelona and we will soon see" after Barca

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beat Bilbao for the Spanish league title on Tuesday night. The 20-year-old Rubio has filled his trophy case with titles, but he has struggled to score this season. He lost his spot in Barcelona's starting lineup. The Timberwolves selected Rubio at No. 5 in the 2009 NBA draft, but the Spanish point guard decided to stay in Spain to play. The Associated Press reported earlier this month that the Timberwolves had reached a deal with Rubio for him to join the team next season.

Middle Road

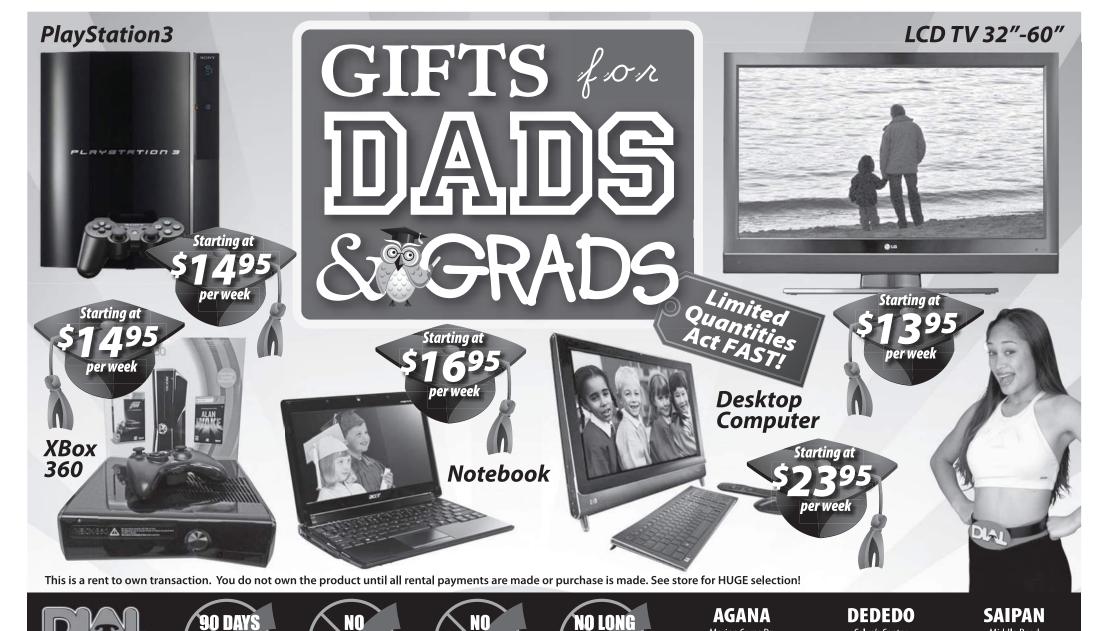
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OBLIGATIONS!

Oh! MG, Gaiana C crowned champions

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND



Gaia Bar's Gaina C and Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Oh! MG won the

championship in their respective divisions in the 2011 Saipan Electronic Dart Association-Bud Light Cup after notching home victories last Wednesday.

Gaiana C stunned Buddies Bar & Grill's Black Pearls, 8-3, in the C Chichirika finals, while Oh! MG pulled off an upset over USSP Peleliu Club's Slow Hand, 8-5, in the C Kingfisher division.

In the C Chichirika finals, teams split a game of partners 501 before Gaiana C swept all for wild cricket matches. After both teams took a game of partners Open-701, Gaiana C dropped its first baseball match, but regrouped to take the next two for the win.

Gaiana C members are Roxanne Wakit, Webby Kim, In-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS Members of the Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Oh! MG, left photo, and Gaia Bar's Gaiana C pose in this file photo after their respective games.

grid Chow, June Nunez, Carter Calma, Justin Taitano. and Joe Camacho.

The C Kingfisher finals started out back and forth, as teams split a partners 501 match, a

pair of wild cricket games, and a partners Open-701 contest. Then Oh! MG won three of the

Melody Johnson. Johnson also

the first regular cricket match to secure the victory. Oh! MG is composed of Car-

GARGALLO

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ol Chargualaf, Arisa S. Peters,

ond with their identical 2-1 slates,

while Joseph Santos and Jerry

Only one of the remaining

four matches at Court 2 were

completed on Wednesday night.

Elma Labuson and Jaja Samon-

te challenged Alma Ortega and

Chie Guevarra in the women's

B2 doubles and won in three

Over at Court 1, three match-

Balarao hold similar 1-2 cards.

four baseball games and took

Angela Santos, Martha Mendiola, Donovan Jose P. Castro, Andy Golden, Bam Castro, and Juan Ogarto.

In related news, the Ladies division Bud Light Cup championship match takes place on Monday with defending champion Yakau of Jonny's Bar & Grill taking on host team Nasty Girls at Gaia Bar.

Before the final showdown, Yakau downed Buddies' Sistah!, 8-3, at Jonny's back on Monday, while Nasty Girls outlasted Sistah!, 8-7, at home the following day.

Meanwhile, the opening round of the A division's Bud Light Cup playoffs will also kick off on Monday.

The matchups feature D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Kanto Boyz hosting sister-team Mixed Blood Shooters; Oleai Beach Bar & Grill's Celebrity taking on the Naked Fish Boyz at Naked Fish Bar & Grill; Buddies' duo Cool-Its and Locals Too duking it out at Charlie's' Sports Bar; and Oleai's Proofers facing

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ated States of Micronesia's T.J. Rush and triumphed in straight sets anew, 6-3, 6-3, to set up a rematch against Lee.

"In the finals, I saw Christian played his best game in the tournament. It was a hard fought match and he did very well against Jake," CNMI coach Jeff Race said.

Duplicating Lee's feat was Minor, who was unbeaten in the round-robin U18 singles, notching six wins. She capped her undefeated record with a 6-1,

6-1 victory over Palau's Abigail Gbewonyo yesterday. Minor won all her matches in straight sets to defend the championship she took against FSM's Alyssa Hawkins last year, 6-0, 6-2.

The strong CNMI Junior Team topped two more events, bringing its total to five. Rafael Jones was the first one to win a singles competition for the Commonwealth, ruling the boys U18 on Tuesday, while Carl Dela Cruz and Mikayla Lopez handed the CNMI two more victories after prevailing in the boys U12 and girls U15, respectively.

Dela Cruz pulled off a 6-3,

2-6, 6-3 win over home bet Derek Okuhama in the championship match yesterday. Dela Cruz swept his pool games and beat teammate Michael Ren in the quarterfinals, 6-3, 6-0, and another CNMI bet, Colin Ramsey, in the semis, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1. Okuhama foiled an all-CNMI finals in the boys U12 when he downed Moris Villanueva in the other semis pairing, 6-4, 6-2.

In the girls U15 singles, Lopez finished Pool A with a 5-0 record. She advanced to the semis against Pool B second finisher Camden Nadler of Guam and won, 6-4, 6-3, to arrange a finals tiff against teammate

ruled her pool with her 5-0 slate and then thwarted Pool A runner-up Shawn Adams of FSM in the semis to make it to the finals. In the all-CNMI finals, Lopez reiterated her mastery over Johnson, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3. The CNMI Junior Team

missed a sweep in the NPQ when 2010 champion Negahr Rastguiy settled for second place in the girls U12 division after bowing to Palau's Ayana Rengiil. According to Race, before the title match, Rastguiy woke up vomiting and failed to hold her ground against the Palauan netter.

Carol Lee. The CNMI netters are scheduled to play in the doubles competition today and then some of them will return on Saipan tonight.

es were decided in two sets, one was stretched to three, and one was forfeited. In the women's doubles C,

sets, 21-10,15-21, 21-11.

Alma Ortega and Guevarra topped Nona Salas and Melanie Santos, 21-15, 21-11; Wendy Fernandez and Cris Obaldo swept Jane Tupas and Arlene Naguit, 21-15, 21-7; and Kim Boranah and Lee Eun Yee defeated Elna Curate and Rose Lazaro, 21-16, 23-21.

In the two singles games set at Court 1, Joel Ortega slipped past Daniel Choi in three sets, 18-21, 21-14, 21-16, and Balarao was awarded a win by forfeiture over Pena, 21-0, 21-0.

Charlie's Primos.

At Court 3, four of the six games scheduled were completed. In the women's doubles A, Loyda Ito and Cristy Villaflor triumphed over Malou Malasarte, 21-12, 21-17, and Anna Rose Omori and Michelle Caleon thwarted Anna Alvarez and Shirley Kim, 21-14, 21-13.

In the singles division, Panapa swept Mark Puno in the men's C category, 21-19, 21-16, and Chris Hilario beat Aries Cordero in the men's B2, 21-11, 21-12.

Meanwhile, the IT&E tournament will be extended for one more week due to the unavailability of new courts. The event is expected to conclude on June 26. The remaining matches will be played from Wednesday to Sunday.

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with the win.

Madness.

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time that the CNMI dominate the

with a quarter to go. Fred Litulu-

mar and Eugene Manglona com-

bined for 15 points in that canto.

The game went down to

the wire, as Madness sank

three long balls in the clutch,

but Ferrera clung to its slim

lead and made three key free

throws at the end to escape

Yabut finished with 27

points for Ferrera, while

Matagolai had 26 points for

In the second game, Pete

Iguel and Bernard Montano

canned six points apiece to

qualifying tournament.

Race brought 23 players to the NPQ. The list also includes Theecel Minor, U15's Jake Lee, Amami Sakano, Angelo

Jones, Chris Cajigan, Seiya Eda, Alina Ishikawa, Jazmin Rayphand, Colin Ramsey, Michael Ren, Luther Lizama, Michael Jones, Emily Jones, and

Before the playoff matches,

the QQ Car Rental Cup will

have an All-Star game this Sun-

day at 7:30pm at the Garapan

year's finalists Mobil and Fer-Sacramento 5, Vinas 4, Aquino rera Builders will collide in the 3, Z. Diaz 3, Mateo 3, Fernandez 2, C. Tenorio 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-14. 22-27, 39-42, 65-58.

MONDAY

Basketball Court.

Rollers Happiness 95 -Aulerio 25, Namelo 16, Torres 12, Aughenbaugh 11, L. Reves 9, Brennan 6, Bees 4, J. Lizama 4, DL Guerrero 2.

Prospects 82 – Bautista 17, Abedes 17, Mabini 12, Inos 11, Saplan 10, Ortes 8, J. Mina 4,

Scoring by quarters: 19-18,

Second Game

Sonics 65 – Pagarao 19, P. Lizama 14, Bahillo 10, Eclevia 8, T. Santos 5, Apelo 4, Jung 4,

Blue Haus 58 – Fitial 13, E. Santos 9, Talania 7, Guiang 5,

WEDNESDAY First Game

Ferrera Builders 87 – Yabut 26, Miranda 22, Cruz 14, Abuel 12, Demapan 8, Abuy 5.

Rollers Madness 84 - M. Matagolai 25, Litulumar 21, Manglona 21, Z. Babauta 7, Hambros 6, Norita 4.

Scoring by quarters: 18-19, 41-35, 62-61, 87-84.

Second Game

Smart Cagers 73 – Iguel 25, Peredo 15, De Dios 9, Montano 6, Manolo 5, Ngeskebei 5, Caro 2. Davrit 2. Usi 2. Park 1.

Rollers Happiness 70 -Aulerio 17, L. Reyes 11, DL Guerrero 9, Torres 9, Lizama 7, Cepeda 6, Cruz 5, Brennan 3, Namelo 3.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	VV	L	PCt	GB
Boston	40	27	.597	_
New York	38	28	.576	1 1/2
Tampa Bay	36	32	.529	4 1/2
Toronto	34	34	.500	6 1/2
Baltimore	30	35	.462	9

Central Division

Cleveland	36	30	.545	_
Detroit	37	31	.544	_
Chicago	33	36	.478	4 1/2
Kansas City	30	38	.441	7
Minnesota	27	39	.409	9

West Division

Texas	36	33	.522	_
Seattle	35	34	.507	1
Los Angeles	33	37	.471	3 1/2
Oakland	29	40	.420	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division					
Philadelphia	43	26	.623	_	
Atlanta	38	31	.551	5	

New York 34 34 .500 8 1/2 32 36 .471 10 1/2 Florida

Central Division

Milwaukee	39	30	.565	_
St. Louis	38	31	.551	1
Cincinnati	37	33	.529	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	34	33	.507	4
Chicago	27	40	.403	11
Houston	25	44	.362	14

West Division

San Francisco	39	29	.574	_	
Arizona	37	32	.536	2 1/2	
Colorado	33	35	.485	6	
Los Angeles	31	39	.443	9	
San Diago	20	40	420	10	

Yesterday's Games

Seattle 3, L.A. Angels 1

Cleveland 6, Detroit 4 N.Y. Yankees 12, Texas 4 Toronto 4, Baltimore Boston 3, Tampa Bay 0 Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 1 Oakland 2, Kansas City 1

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

help Smart Cagers build an early 23-13 lead. Happiness moved within five at the half, 31-36, as Brandon Aulerio scored seven points

in the third quarter. Happiness hung around after the break, but Smart still led after the third, 56-

52, behind Errol Peredo's eight points. Happiness threatened again in the fourth, but Iguel delivered 10 points in the clutch, including two free throws to seal the win.

The victory also assured Smart Cagers an automatic semis ticket, as they defeated Blue Haus in the tiebreak for second place.

In Monday's curtain raiser, Happiness hit a pair of three pointers for a 19-18 lead advantage in the first quarter, and then shot ahead at halftime, 55-41, after a big second quarter push. Aulerio finished with 21 points in the first half.

Prospects made repeated comeback bids, but Happiness stood its ground to break into the win column.

Meanwhile, four more teams will fight for the two remaining semis berths, as the QQ Cup starts it playoff round next Wednesday. Blue Haus will take on Konflikt at 6pm, while last First Game

other playoff tiff at 8pm.

Lansang 3.

55-41, 69-66, 95-82.

E. Camacho 1.

Scoring by quarters: 23-13, 36-31, 56-52, 73-70.

Trench Wars 14: Ground Zero holds 15 bouts

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Trench Wars 14: Ground Zero will hit the octagon tonight with 15 bouts scheduled to take place at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

Leading the fight card is the lightweight collision of Trench Tech's Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan (17-6) and Tiger Muay Tai's Mark "Mugen" Streigl of the U.S. (3-0).

Before the finale match, a welterweight super fight will commence between Trench Tech's Fasi "Quickdraw" Jesse (7-3) and Guam and Underworld Extreme's Tyrone Jones, who will be having his professional debut.

Other pro bouts include Trench Tech' s Martin "Ning" Cepeda (3-3) taking on Guam's Martin "The Magnificent Bastard" Pablo (2-0) in a light heavyweight bout; Mike "Flash" Taitano (3-0) of Guam's Spike 22 facing Team Pwang's Simon "Bad Boy" Sebuu (2-1) in a 175lb catchweight bout; Predator Combat Team flyweight "Tabi" Jay Muna (5-12) challenging Tinian's Jordan "Jungle Boy" Ogo (3-1) of Team Haga; featherweights Brad "Badd" Palacios (9-3) of Trench Tech battling Tinian's Mai Tai "The Charger" Charley (3-7) of Marianas Elite



s Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez (5-0) meeting Marianas Elite's Derrick "El Peligro" Rangamar (4-8) in a catch-weight 140lb grudge match.

Amateur bouts are also set tonight. These include Josh "Chaos" Duenas (0-1) of Trench Tech going toe-to-toe with Marianas Elite's Josh Cruz (1-3) in a 140lb catch-weight bout; Tinian's Regino Mundo of Team Zeng Zung (2-0) squaring off with newcomer Glenn Gardee of Double D's Elegion in a K-1 kickboxing match; independent bantamweight Roman Cabrera



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Lyle Deleon Guerrero (2-1); independent featherweight Kev Esteves (1-3) challenging firsttimer Allan Guzman of Team Comquest Guam; Zalaka featherweight Zach Reves debuting against Guam's Rob Alvarez (1-0) of both Trench Tech and Mongmong Toto Maite; Zalaka's Joe Duenas (1-0) colliding against Haga's Frank "The Crippler" Atalig in a 130lb catch-weight bout; Double D flyweight Marlon Gardee (0-1) taking on independent Jacob Ilo (2-1) of Zalaka in a K-1 match; and TT's Ryan "TTrobz" in a rematch; and Trench Tech' (0-1) clashing with Zalaka's Ngirbabul fighting independent

Derrick San Nicolas in a 195lb catch-weight bout.

Matchups are subjected to changes, as the weigh-in for the event took place last night at GIG Discothèque in Garapan.

The fights will start at 8pm, while doors open at 7pm.

Tickets cost \$25 for general admission, \$30 for VIP seating, and are being sold at Boarderline, 670 Rocksteady Shop, loma and Maleina Luhk. Hannam Super Market in Koblerville, The Trapp Urban Boutique, FISG in Cabrera Center (ask for Mariana), and Trench Tech Gym in San Antonio.

One dollar from each ticket sold will be donated to the reward money the NMI Crime Stoppers Program has set aside for the safe return of sisters Fa-

Pepsi, Miller-Lite, Monster Energy, Konflikt MMA, Budget Rent-A-Car, Century Hotel, Hagu Next, and Docomo Pacific sponsor the event in conjunction with the Department of Public Health.

For more information, contact Trench Tech Purebred at 483-4MMA (4662).

IT&E Voyagers, Best Choice still atop 8-ball standings

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The IT&E Voyagers of Jonny's Bar & Grill and D'Pirates Bar &

Grill's Best Choice are still the frontrunners of their respective divisions in the Saipan Billiards Association Budweiser Open 8-Ball League.

IT&E Voyagers swamped Obyan's USSP Peleliu Club Turtles, 6-1, at home and improved their card to 81-31 for the lead in the Agingan division.

IT&E Incredibles, Jonny's Home Boyz, and the Docomo Hustlers are in a three-way tie for second in the Agingan division with their similar 75-37 slates.

In the inter-league play, Obyan's Shark Attack upset IT&E Incredibles, 3-4, on the road in Wild Bill's Bar & Grill; Home Boyz shrugged off the Pirates, 5-2, in an away match at D'Pirates Bar & Grill; and the Docomo Hustlers downed USSP's Fotten Palau, 5-2, in a road game.

D'Pirates' Best Choice remains atop the six-team Obyan Voyagers' Jojo Talibong, and



Obvan division's Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack, seen here in a file photo, pulled off its second upset in a row after topping Agingan's IT&E Incredibles, 4-3, at home last Tuesday during their Saipan Billiard Association Budweiser Open 8-Ball League match.

standings and improved its slate to 54-58 after downing X-Tream, 4-3, on the road at VFW Post 3457.

Fotten Palau is still in second place and ahead of Shark Attack (48-64), X-Tream (42-70), the Turtles (38-74), and the Pirates (31-81).

Agingan notables include one-time 8-Ball sinkers Home Boyz's Mario Diola, IT&E Docomo Hustlers' Rowel Mariano, while IT&E Voyagers' Rolly Villanueva ran the table for a league-best eight times this season.

In the Obyan play, X-Tream's George Lizardo sank the 8-Ball off the break for the second time, while teammate Chester Cuento has ran the rack a division-best three times this season. Seven other players pulled off the feat once.

Badminton clinic set for June 27-30



Oceania Badminton regional development manager Nadia Bleaken, right, seen here conducting a clinic at the Mt. Carmel School Gymnasium last year, will return on Saipan for a four-day clinic.



Oceania Badminton regional devel-

opment manager Nadia Bleaken will return to Saipan later this month to hold the 2011 NMBA Summer Youth Clinic.

Bleaken, who visited Saipan for the first time in October last year to conduct a clinic for high school students, will be arriving on island on June 26 in time for the Northern Marianas Badminton Association-led clinic that will run from June 27 to 30.

The four-day clinic is open for

players in the 7 to 18 age group and will run from 9am to 12pm at the TSL Sports Complex.

Registration is only \$5 per person and NMBA will provide the needed equipment during the sessions.

During her first visit on Saipan, Bleaken, who coached and led development programs in the U.S., Canada, and Australia, conducted clinics at the Marianas High School and Mt. Carmel School, drawing more than 100 students in the one-day clinic.

The Oceania Badminton re-

gional development manager also held a coaching clinic for NMBA members and graced the opening of the 4th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament.

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U14 Cute Na Boyz wins Rollers fundraiser

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Rollers Basketball Club's U14 Cute Na Boyz took home the top prize in last

week's 2011 Lip Sing Dance Show RBC Fundraiser held at the Garapan Central Park.

"We want to thank DCCA-DYS, our sponsors, and all of the RBC supporters for helping make our fundraiser a success. We also want to thank Saipan Music & Dance Studio's Ester Sablan and Joel Vallega for serving as judges during the competition," RBC head coach Joe Diaz.

The fundraiser was organized in conjunction with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Division of Youth Services and Pacific Islands Club to help send RBC's U12, U14, U16, and U18 teams to the Guam's 2011 Take Care-Summer Jam Youth Basketball Tournament that will run from June 24 to August 14. RBC players in the four divisions all performed in the event.



Members of Rollers Basketball Club's U14 Cute Na Boyz pose with their trophy after winning last week's 2011 Lip Sing Dance Show RBC Fundraiser held at the Garapan Central Park.

Cute Na Boyz performed Black Eyed Peas' Dirty Bit to win the event. RBC Little Rascals U12's rendition of Cute Little Brothers dancing and Let Me Take You Out, by Frankie J, featuring Travis Porter won runner-up honors; U16's Local Mix's version of Single Lady by Beyonce won third prize, and U14's Mix Blue's performance of Boyfriend by Big Time Rush came in fourth place.

Local dance group Project Impact provided the closing performance in the show.

DCCA-DYS donated trophies for the winners, while sponsors Tan Siu Lin Foundation, PIC, IT&E, Hyatt Regency Saipan, National Office Supply and Martha's Retail Store gave various in-kind prizes.

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Miller, Minor reign in NPQ anew

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Mission accomplished

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The CNMI Junior Team achieved what it aimed for in the 2011 North Pacific Qualifying Tournament being played at the Rick Ninete Tennis Center in Guam.

The Commonwealth netters clinched 10 of the 20 slots on the North Pacific Team with U18's Rafael Jones and Thea Minor, U15, Jake Lee, Christian Miller, Melody Johnson,

and Mikayla Lopez, and U12's Carl Dela Cruz, Moris Villanueva, Negahr Rastguiy, and Tammy Ackerman making it to the squad.

Race

The CNMI players-dominated North Pacific Team will be competing against the West and East squads in the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships and 2011 Oceania Closed Junior Championships in Lautoka, Fiji in August. Guam gained six berths, while

the Federates States of Micronesia and Palau had two each.

Slots were given only to the Top 2 finishers in the U18 division and Top 4 in the U15 and U12 age groups. Each nation is limited to get only two slots in each age group.

Jones and Minor claimed the championships in the boys U18, while Dela Cruz and Lopez also triumphed in the U15 age group. Villanueva and Ackerman finished third in the U12 division, while

Rastguiy was a runner-up in the girls U12.

"We got what we wanted. We won 10 of the possible 11 slots on the North Pacific team, so what more can a coach asked for," CNMI coach Jeff Race said.

"This year was one of our bests in the NPQ. All the players gave their best and they supported each other," added Race, saying that it was the fourth straight See MISSION on Page 34

hristian Miller and Thea Minor dominated their respective divisions anew after downing separate finals foes in the 2011 North Pacific Qualifying Tourna-

ment yesterday at the Rick Ninete Tennis Center in Guam.



Miller topped the all-CNMI

boys U15 championship game after sweeping teammate Jake Lee, 6-2, 6-2. The two Commonwealth junior players also collided in the U14 finals last year with Miller pre-

Before the NPQ, Miller was a bit sluggish in the past months, missing the 2011 CNMI Junior Championships in April and falling short in the

vailing in two sets, 6-0, 6-3.

U18 singles in the 2011 DFS Micronesian Junior Championships last month.

However, in Guam, the Saipan Southern High School student stepped up big time and swept all his games. Miller went 3-0 in pool play and did not drop any set. In the quarterfinals, he won over teammate Chris Cajigan on Wednesday, 6-4, 6-0. Then in he semis, he was pitted against the Feder-

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Gargallo, Bandoja keep clean record



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Saul Gargallo stretches for a return to Joseph Santos during their men's B1 doubles game in the IT&E badminton tournament early this month at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Saul Gargallo and Gary Bandoja are

still undefeated in the 2011 IT&E Singles/Doubles Badminton Tournament to force a two-way tie for the lead in the men's B1 singles division after Wednesday night's games at the TSL Sports Complex.

Gargallo and Bandoja both played at Court 2 and notched their third win in as many games to share the leaderboard

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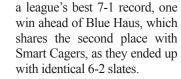
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in the men's B1 singles. Gargallo swept Edwin Montoya, 21-12, 21-12, while Bandoja also needed only two sets to beat Erik Pena, 21-12, 21-18.

Both Pena and Montoya absorbed their third loss in as many games to remain at the bottom of the standings in the eight-player field. Mario Diola and Noli Santos are tied for sec-

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By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

night at the Garapan Basketball Court to gain an automatic semis

seat in the 2011 OO Car Rental

The Sonics finished the

round-robin elimination with

Basketball Cup.

The Son-

ics prevailed over Blue

Haus, 65-58,

on Monday

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The battle for first place was knotted at 14-all after the first quarter before Blue Haus went ahead, 27-22, at mid-point as its defense held the Sonics to eight points in the second quarter.

The game remained tight in the third, but Blue Haus still managed a 42-39 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Then in the fourth quarter, Jason Bahillo hit a couple of early



Sonics, Smart Cagers advance to semis

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

A Sonics player pulls up for a jumper against a Blue Haus defender during their game in the QQ Cup last Monday night at the Garapan three balls, while Lerio Pagarao caught fire with nine points in the homestretch to lift the Sonics to a seven-point win. Pagarao topped the board with 19 points, while Blue Haus' Kelvin Fitial turned in 13 in the loss.

In other results, Rollers Happiness broke into the win column after beating Prospects on Monday night, 95-82, while Ferrera Builders fended off a Rollers Madness' late rally, 87-74, and Smart Cagers defeated Happiness, 73-70, in the Wednesday night matches.

In the Wednesday's opener, Madness managed a slim 19-18 edge in the first period, thanks to the 13 points of Manny Matagolai, who nailed a trio of treys in the onslaught.

The Builders battled back and took a 41-35 lead at the half, as Rex Yabut and Gilbert Miranda tallied eight markers apiece in the second quarter.

Madness made some key adjustments during the break and pulled within a point, 61-62,

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